



# Teacher must be firm with the new playground bullies

"HEY, Miss Tony's bullying us!" One after another, Tory MPs leapt up at Points of Order yesterday to tug Betty Boothroyd's sleeve and beg Teacher to sort out the playground thugs.

Sir Peter Emery (C. Devon East) was on his feet with a complicated complaint about procedure. He thought Labour's business managers were high-handed. Miss B looked as sunny as the recess she has just enjoyed. Brown as a nut and tactful as ever, she flattered this senior MP — but declined to help.

Another Tory complained that, though social security was the subject of the day's Questions, Mr Blair had taken himself off to a housing estate rather than the House to make his speech. Could MPs have tickets? Betty laughed prettily, but avoided answering. She avoided answering Bernard Jenkin (C. Colchester N) who accused Mr Blair of disloyalty.

Bill Cash (C. Stone) did no better. He was angry that the PM had returned from a European Union meeting in Nordwijk without a state-

ment. Madam Speaker couldn't help. She couldn't help Julian Brazier (C. Canterbury) who wanted a statement on the recently announced Defence Review. She couldn't help the Tory Education team, cross that a Bill had been published with little time for MPs to study before debating it.

Tories, who think the Government is riding roughshod over the House, are sore. Dennis Skinner reminded them that, not months ago, it was they had been the arrogant ones. Gerald Kaufman

(Lab. Manchester Gorton) advised the Opposition to "read my book. How to be a Minister. The last chapter is entitled 'How To Leave Office Gracefully'." "I haven't finished it," beamed a relaxed Miss Boothroyd.

Yet, amid all the run-réading which attends the birth of a new Government, one woman's future has

hardly been discussed. Miss Boothroyd has a grisly assignment. All at once she holds the ring as a headstrong Government faces a crippled Opposition.

For her this is a new job. A Speaker has responsibilities for the protection of endangered species like backbenchers and Tory Oppositions. The last Opposition needed

no help; and if there was an underdog it was the front bench, not its backstabbing backbenchers.

Formerly a Labour MP, she could hardly be dubbed a Tory poodle. John Major needed her goodwill and treated her with care. She faced no big challenge to her good faith or command. A poor man's head of state she looked set for a life of greeting presidents and opening flower shows.

Now she is in new territory. Bitter Conservative Members will mutter whenever she

rules against them. If she stands up to the Labour front bench she is unlikely to be thanked by the gingerbread men and women behind.

Jack Weatherill was handed just such a chalice in 1983 when, a former Tory, he took the Chair with Labour devastated. He proved a sturdy defender of backbenchers but got little thanks from either side and (in private) quite a bruising from Tory hitherto. His relationship with his old bosses never recovered.

But yesterday all was sunshine. And reviews! Avoiding

every question, the new Social Security Secretary, Harriet Harman, promised a review. It was unclear whether these were different reviews, or one Big Review of Everything. Her quick-thinking, softly spoken, thinly smiling and faintly unsettling sidekick, Frank Field, cooed, simpered, nodded and emanated an air of menacing rationality as he insisted that he did not wish to "rough any claimants up".

There is something Pintoresque about Mr Field. I think he may be in charge.

## Blair plans further tightening of the rules for ministers

By VALERIE ELLIOTT AND ANDREW PIERCE

TONY BLAIR has ordered a review of the rules and protocols for ministers in a further attempt to tighten control over his Government.

The Prime Minister believes the Questions of Procedure for Ministers, which were last updated in 1992, need rewriting and should make clear that ministers are expected to operate as team players. He also wishes to ensure that the guidance takes note of all the concerns raised by Lord Nolan on standards in public life. The rules deal with such matters as hospitality, expenses, gifts and financial interests.

The move follows Mr Blair's personal appeal for every policy statement, speech and press release to be cleared with Downing Street. He also wants the drafting of policy

ideas to be properly co-ordinated and for ministers to disclose their intentions before briefing journalists on particular subjects.

Last night, government sources made clear they believed the system was already working and that ministers were respecting the control that Mr Blair wished to exert at the heart of government. It was evident, too, that they were pleased that the personal memo had been leaked to show the public that the Prime Minister meant business in offering strategic leadership to the Government.

One source also pointed to the present guidance to ministers, which already sets out the "dos and don'ts" on the presentation of policy. "There is nothing new in this, but we are enforcing it. The same rules

### Welfare to work

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erment, not punishment, so that as many children as possible can grow up in working households with the expectation of a job themselves.

"We should reject the rootless morality whose symptom is a false choice between bleeding hearts and couldn't-care-less, when what we need is one grounded in the core British values, the sense of balance between rights and duties.

"The basis of this modern civic society is an ethic of mutual responsibility or duty. It is something for something. A society where we play by the rules. You only take out if you put in. That's the bargain."

He highlighted figures showing that five million people of working age lived in

homes where nobody works while more than a million had never worked since leaving school.

Alongside that, Britain had a higher proportion of single-parent families than anywhere else in Europe.

A generation of young men had little to replace the manufacturing jobs that had been lost, while many young women found that early pregnancy and the absence of a reliable father almost guaranteed a life of poverty.

"The task of reshaping welfare to reward hard work is daunting. But we must be absolutely clear that our challenge is to help all those people who want to work but are not working with the jobs, the training and the support they need."

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## Bank fears building society payout will stoke up inflation

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE bumper payout to the Halifax members who were yesterday celebrating their share of the £18.5 billion float windfall is likely to have prompted frowns rather than smiles at the Bank of England.

The Bank has already expressed concern about the high level of consumer spending, which it believes will lead to higher inflation, and will be worried that Halifax members who have cashed in their shares will head off on a spectacular weekend shopping spree.

The payout may well persuade the Bank to use its new powers and raise interest rates by a quarter-point to 6.5 per cent in an attempt to slow consumer spending when its monetary policy committee meets for the first time on Thursday and Friday.

The City has been worrying for some time about the potential impact of the building society wind-

fall payouts. The total, with the Woolwich and Northern Rock floatations still to come, is likely to be nearly a third higher than originally expected, at about £30 billion. This is the biggest influx of new money into the economy, dwarfing even the payouts from the privatisation floatations or tax cuts of the 1980s.

Most of the money, which is mainly in the form of shares, will not be cashed in during the first year. But the indications from the Halifax and the Alliance & Leicester floats are that about a quarter of building society members — about four million people — are immediately trading in their shares for cash.

If this trend continues, there will be an extra £7 billion in the economy this year — the equivalent of cutting the standard rate of income tax by almost 5p. But economists are divided as to whether all of this will

be spent immediately, causing a boom on the High Street and, ultimately, higher inflation.

David Kern, chief economist at NatWest, predicts that the windfalls will mean annual growth in consumer spending jumping from the current level of 3.5 per cent to 5 per cent by the end of the year. He argues that taxes and interest rates will need to rise to head off higher inflation, although consumer spending will remain lower than in the boom years of the late 1980s when it averaged about 6.5 per cent a year.

But other economists predict the impact of the windfall payouts will be less dramatic, with only about 10 per cent of members spending the money immediately and total consumer spending rising by less than 0.5 per cent.

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Those who dispose of the shares could face a capital gains tax bill, but only if they have already used up their annual capital gains allowance of £6,500. You can avoid both capital gains and income tax by sheltering shares in a personal equity plan (Pep).

Should I sell my shares? If you have debts, it may be more cost-effective to sell and clear all or

some of the debts. For example, the cost of borrowing £1,000 on a credit card over a year could be as high as £221. However, if you can afford to hang on to your shares, you can expect the Halifax share price to remain strong. The new bank, which matches Barclays in size and is one of the ten largest stockmarket-listed companies, has plenty of spare cash. It should soon embark on the takeover trail, a move that should further enhance the share price.

The prospect of further growth is encouraging many to buy more shares. But there is no guarantee that the price of any company will continue to rise. Jeremy Batstone, head of research at NatWest stockbrokers, believes that investors should prepare to sell as the banking sector and the whole

stockmarket look overvalued. I sold my shares. How soon will I be able to get my hands on the money?

Those who sold through the Halifax shareholding service in the first auction of shares to institutions will be able to withdraw their cash on Friday.

Can I now move my savings from the Halifax?

You can now shop around for the best rate and the chance of a windfall elsewhere. The low level of Halifax savers' rates has attracted criticism. Although the new bank has now raised its savers' rates there is now strong competition from other banks, building societies and the banking divisions of supermarkets.

ANNE ASHWORTH

### Long Mynd fire

Almost 100 firefighters were called to a hill fire at a beauty spot yesterday. The fire on The Long Mynd, a 1,700ft hill in Shropshire, was fanned by strong winds and spread from heather and gorse to engulf 50 acres of woodland. Police said that the fire, which was on Forestry Commission land, was not believed to have been started deliberately.

### Bullimore sails

Tony Bullimore set out from Cherbourg on a month-long race yesterday after gale-force winds delayed the start. The yachtsman was at sea again with a six-strong crew, five months after he was rescued from his upturned boat in freezing waters by the Australian Navy. The eventual destination is Stockholm.

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# Giant in Doll's House wins Tony for best actress

Plummer: leading actor award for *Barrymore*

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE British production of Ibsen's *A Doll's House* has been garlanded on Broadway with four Tony Awards, including best actress for Janet McTeer.

The version of Ibsen's 1879 classic, which moved to New York in April after a successful West End run, was named best revival at an awards ceremony in New York on Sunday night. McTeer, the critics' overwhelming favourite, won best actress for her performance as Nora Helmer, the distraught wife who struggles for independence in her stifling marriage to the bank manager Thorvald.

McTeer, 35, from York, graduated from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts alongside Fiona Shaw and Ralph Fiennes and is best known for her title role in the television series *The Gover-*

*nor*. She also played Vita Sackville-West in the television drama *Portrait of a Marriage* and performed on the West End in *Much Ado About Nothing* and in Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya* before winning an Olivier Award during the London run of *A Doll's House*.

Accepting her Tony, the towering actress, her hair cropped in a boyish style, said: "This all started when I took out our producer, Thelma Holt, got her very drunk and managed to persuade her that I was 5ft 2in and girly. Actually, I think she thought I wanted to play Thorvald."

McTeer's performance has been lauded by American reviewers as one of the best in memory. *Variety* described it as a whirlwind and one *New York Times* critic wrote that her "apparition on Broadway

Janet McTeer celebrates her Tony for best actress in *A Doll's House* with a helping hand from awards ceremony presenter Alec Baldwin

suggests the theatre's timely answer to the Hale-Bopp comet".

Owen Teale, one of three other actors transplanted from New York with the London production, was named best featured actor for his part as Thorvald, after the producers asked for him to be moved to

that category from best leading actor. Anthony Page won best director.

This year's Tony Awards, staged in the 2,000-seat auditorium at Radio City Music Hall and broadcast live on television in an effort to duplicate the success of the Oscars, were not without disappoint-

ments for British contenders. The 763 critics and theatre professionals who choose the winners awarded best play to Alfred Uhry's piece about Jews in the American South, *Last Night at Ballyhoo*.

Christopher Plummer won best leading actor for his one-man show *Barrymore*, about

the actor John Barrymore, over Brian Bedford in *Dion Boucicault's London Assurance*, Michael Gambon (*Sky-light*) and Anthony Sher (*Stanley*). In a strong field of new musicals, the big winner was the much-ridiculed *Titanic*, an improbable song-and-dance about the sinking

of the ocean liner. *Titanic* sailed away from the competition with five awards: best musical, book, original score, scenic design and orchestration. The popular revival of the musical *Chicago* picked up six awards.

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## Pupils win right to legal action over repairs

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

TWO schoolboys won the right yesterday to take a council to court because their school is allegedly in such a poor state of repair that it is a health hazard.

The boys, both pupils at Childwall Comprehensive School, on Merseyside, claim water cascades down the blackboard whenever it rains because Liverpool City Council has not carried out repairs that would cost £2 million.

They took their case to Liverpool Magistrates' Court with their fathers, who are both parent-governors at the 1,350-pupil school. Simon Worthington, 14, dressed in his school uniform, was in court to hear the supplementary magistrate, David Tapp, rule that there was a case for the council to answer and that a trial should go ahead. However, Alexander Salisbury, 15, had to miss proceedings because he was sitting his GCSE examinations in biology and French.

After the hearing, Simon said: "I am overjoyed by the result. We have got to see it through. The situation is impossible when it rains. In my form room sometimes half the blackboard cannot be used as water cascades down. We have to watch where we stand, so that we don't get our feet wet in the puddles."

The boys and their fathers, with the support of other parents, claim that the build-

ing has become so dilapidated since it was built in the 1950s that lessons are impaired and the environment constitutes a danger to health.

The council denies any offences under the Environmental Health Act. It claimed in court that teenagers could not be complainants or prosecutors in criminal proceedings.

Ranjit Bhose, for the council, said it was also clear that neither the boys nor their fathers were "persons aggrieved" and did not enjoy any "proprietors' rights".

Mr Bhose said: "The correct remedy is to make a complaint to the Secretary of State. He can then take into account the views of the local authority and the fact that there are budget constraints."

Timothy King, QC, for the pupils, said there was nothing in the law prohibiting a minor from bringing a case to court. He said: "This school is in an appalling state of repair and is prejudicing the health of all who attend, be they parent, child or teacher."

Liverpool City Council is expected to deny four charges of causing a statutory nuisance under Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The case is expected to last four days and is likely to be heard on October 20 by Mr Tapp, who described the action as unusual. "I am not aware of anything similar," he said.

There is nothing to say that a minor can prosecute but then there is nothing to say that a minor cannot prosecute. I see no reason why these two boys should not go forward with their complaint."

After the hearing, Mr Worthington said the boys' legal costs were being underwritten by parents at the school.

### CORRECTION

The Labour candidate for Hertford and Stortford in the general election was Simon Speller, not D Harbourne, as reported on April 17. We apologise for the error.

### THE BROADCASTING STANDARDS COMMISSION

Complaint from Mr Richard Chipperfield and Ms Anne Chipperfield, and a complaint from Mr Tony Hopkins  
— Summary of adjudication

On 22 May 1996, the BBC programme *Here and Now* reported on the care of circus animals in winter quarters. The programme included video footage shot by an animal rights group on land owned by Mr Richard Chipperfield and Ms Anne Chipperfield. Mr and Ms Chipperfield complained to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission (now the Broadcasting Standards Commission) that the programme included pictures and comments which unfairly implied that their animals were kept in cramped, unsafe and stressful conditions, and that the filming unscrupulously infringed their privacy. Mr Tony Hopkins, trading under the name Chipperfield Circus, also complained that the programme was unfair to him in that viewers were misled into assuming that he had some responsibility for the welfare of the animals shown.

The Commission accepts that the investigation by *Here and Now* concerned a matter of public interest, but its reliance on a video shot by an animals' welfare campaigning group, to the virtual exclusion of other expert opinion, was unfair to Mr and Ms Chipperfield. The Commission recognises that the BBC made strenuous efforts to persuade Mr Chipperfield to take part, but his refusal to participate in a programme he believed to be loaded against him did not relieve the programme-makers of their obligation to provide a fair and balanced treatment of a complex and emotive issue. The video shots on and of Mr and Ms Chipperfield's property clearly infringed their privacy, and the unfairness of the programme's treatment of the issue undermined the BBC's argument that such infringement was unwarranted in the public interest. The Commission therefore finds both unfairness and an unauthorised infringement of Mr and Ms Chipperfield's privacy.

The Commission does not consider that the programme's attempt to film Chipperfield's Circus was in itself unfair, but by its use of a still of the circus and a poster advertising it, the programme had the effect of associating Mr Hopkins with the alleged ill-treatment of animals of which he did not own and were not in his care. This was unfair.

The Commission therefore upholds the complaints by both Mr and Ms Chipperfield, and by Mr Hopkins.

You may obtain a copy of the full adjudication by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: The Broadcasting Standards Commission (P), 7 The Sanctuary, London SW1P 3JS.

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# Think-tank savages Major over EU



By JAMES LANDALE  
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Bruges Group, a Tory Eurosceptic think-tank headed by Baroness Thatcher, will mount a fierce attack this week on John Major and his policy towards Europe.

The think-tank will accuse Mr Major of losing the general election with his policy on Europe, and compare his alleged failure to stand up to Brussels to Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler in 1938. In a pamphlet being published this week, the group claims that Mr Major equivocated and will party management before the interests of the country.

Lady Thatcher is honorary president of the Bruges Group, which was set up after she set out her anti-federalist

credo in a speech in the Belgian town in 1988. The group chiefly comprises academics who are hostile to Europe, and Tory peers and MPs.

The pamphlet, entitled *John Major and Europe - The failure of a policy, 1990-97*, was written by Martin Holmes, an Oxford University academic and co-chairman of the group. "On Europe, John Major blew it," he says. "As Neville Chamberlain is remembered as the Prime Minister of Munich, so will John Major be remembered as the Prime Minister of Maastricht. Major's European policy was an unequivocal failure, the legacy of which the Conservative Party will wrestle with in opposition for perhaps too long."

Mr Holmes accuses Mr Major of making "Eurosceptical noises" during

the first and last stages of his premiership in a phoney attempt to keep his party together. At the same time, he says Mr Major was a Euro-enthusiast "when it mattered", namely in 1992 and 1993, when he forced the Maastricht treaty through Parliament and struggled to keep sterling locked into the exchange-rate mechanism.

For Mr Major the issue was "a function of party management", Mr Holmes says. "He kept the party together by subordinating the national interest to party management." This "dark secret" bound Mr Major and his Euro-enthusiast supporters together, "blinding them to the impending electoral nemesis".

More specifically, Mr Holmes says that Mr Major's "wait-and-see" policy towards British membership of a

single European currency "lacked all intellectual and political credibility" and could not command respect from enthusiasts or sceptics.

He also accuses Mr Major of defying a growing public hostility towards the European Union and thereby missing a great opportunity to lead his party in a more Eurosceptic and electorally successful direction. "He failed to adjust to the changed agenda of the inrushing intellectual Eurosceptic tide. Consequently, Major successfully held his party together but at the cost of hastening its electoral defeat."

Mr Major could have built on Lady Thatcher's Bruges speech and changed Britain's relationship with Europe. Mr Holmes says, had he not been so "obsessed with the reaction of the Conservative Eurofanatics".

Thatcher 1988 speech led to creation of group

## Lawyers split over vote to end trainees' minimum pay

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SOLICITORS' leaders in England and Wales will vote this week on whether to scrap the mandatory minimum salaries that law firms must pay trainees.

The profession is deeply divided over the proposals, which critics say are a retrograde step that will close access to careers in law for all but the rich. The minimum salary for trainees (formerly known as articled clerks) is £10,850 a year for the two years of training, a figure unchanged since 1992 and amounting to £5.30 an hour (£5.85 in London).

Many solicitors argue that small firms that were badly hit in the recession can no longer afford the minimum salary and removing it would open up more training places. The proposals are opposed by many young solicitors, including the Trainee Solicitors Group which represents 27,000 trainees.

Mark Dillon, last year's chairman, said: "Removal of the minimum salary has been served up on a platter as a relatively painless way of attempting to lessen the burden on the small firm at minimum cost to the profession."

He said the move was not only wrong in principle and against the political trend towards a minimum wage but

it would fail to achieve its objective. Research had shown that only a few small firms made use of a proviso allowing them to pay less than the minimum. Nor were firms deterred from providing training places: the number had risen in recent years.

He said there was no evidence that removal of the minimum would provide many more places and there was concern about the quality of training that firms could provide if they paid less than the minimum.

Hannah Wiskin, chairwoman of the group, said many solicitors in favour of abolition came from the big City firms that paid trainees as much as £23,000. Abolition would mean that students would stop applying to small firms. "Students arrive with huge debts — on average £5,000 — and our research shows they are not prepared to work for as little as £5,000 a year."

Charles Elly, former president of the Law Society, said: "We ought to retain the minimum salary if we want people coming in from all backgrounds. The minimum salary ensures that those who come from less privileged backgrounds are able to enter and that they should not go through their degree course, vocational course and then

arrive at the training without a guarantee of the salary they will receive at the end of it."

Tony Girling, president of the Law Society, said: "Of course I have concern about student debt and trainees being used as court fodder. But one has to look at the growing number of firms who now seek waivers from the minimum — something like 450 in the last 20 months."

Firms in areas such as his own, east Kent, had difficulty in operating a minimum. "It's a very different problem from the City. Here trainees often live at home and accept the opportunity is more important than the salary." He favoured recommended guidelines, which would be higher than the current minimum.

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## Sacked after ten days — for someone at half the salary

MATTHEW FRESCO'S battle to obtain a trainee place was nothing out of the ordinary. A mature student with a psychology degree — though not from one of the prestige universities — he had to send off hundreds of letters while doing his one-year solicitors' vocational course (Frances Gibb writes).

"I decided to go for para-legal work, which is thought to be a way in, a sort of stepping stone if you can't find a traineeship," he said.

It seemed to have been a good move. He landed some work with the leading City law

firm. Richards Butler and, from then on, even the letters of rejection improved in tone. "People see you are at Richards Butler and they think better of you immediately," Mr Fresco said.

Then came the breakthrough: a small High Street law firm in Hounslow offered him a six-month trial period, leading to a training contract at the end of it. Mr Fresco, 29, left Richards Butler and started work on a salary of £9,000. Ten days into the trial period he was told the firm could no longer employ him.

"First they said the partner-

ship had broken up. But then I discovered they had found someone else who was prepared to work for half the money I was. I was absolutely furious. It was like being treated by a 19th-century mill owner — horrific. I found it almost impossible to believe. One minute I have a good job and a career ahead of me, and the next minute they snatch it all away."

According to the Trainee Solicitors Group, firms have even suggested to trainees that they go on social security in order to avoid the firm having to pay any salary.

## Time to listen to a tale of despair

SANE, the mental health charity, has been asking patients with schizophrenia how they are coping with the freedom provided by life in the community. The survey has been published today to coincide with Schizophrenia Day.

The report presents a terrifying story of lonely, anxious people, bewildered and puzzled by their symptoms, who are living for days at a time without normal social contacts or the support of the professional health team.

The isolation can drive patients to despair and suicide, and the lack of encouragement to continue with their drug therapy all too easily results in the emergence of symptoms which can lead to violence.

Marjorie Wallace, the chief executive of SANE, said: "Psychiatrists and GPs often appear to be reluctant to give patients sufficient time or un-

derstanding. This leaves seriously ill people isolated and at increased risk of suicide. As the result of the hospital-bed closures, patients no longer receive in-patient care for more than a day or two. Now they feel abandoned by the medical profession and the public, and have lost hope."

In the group of patients surveyed, fewer than one in ten had a place at a day centre and even fewer had been offered any form of psychotherapy. About the same number, just under 10 per cent, admitted to feeling so hopeless that they were storing up their pills so they could commit suicide.

Schizophrenic patients, and their families, suffer their worst problems when prescribed medication has been rejected. Marjorie Wallace is not

entirely surprised because she

thinks too many patients are

treated initially with outdated

and unnecessarily unpleasant

drugs, even though better ones

are available. She also feels

too little time is spent explaining

possible side-effects. The

result is that patients are surprised when, for instance, their hearts race.

Time is also needed to listen to patients' worries, enabling those who hear voices to talk about it. After an understanding discussion the commands of hallucinatory voices become less imperative and more compatible with a life in the community.

The latest anti-psychotic drugs are more expensive but have far fewer side-effects and are much better at restoring a personality — as long as they continue to be taken. Any additional expense is more than compensated for by their cost-effectiveness, which provides a better lifestyle for the patient and the family, reduces the cost of recurrent readmission to hospital and makes the patient less of a financial burden on other social service budgets.

## Motorcyclists attack car

A family attacked in their car by a gang of motorcyclists were in hiding last night, afraid that they might be targeted again. The family of four, including two young children, were surrounded by the five motorcyclists while driving through West Sussex. They were eventually forced to stop when a window was smashed with a crash helmet. Other motorists forced the gang to ride off.

## Group 4 prisoner escapes

A prisoner is on the run after escaping from a Group 4 security van. Police say the 20-year-old man could be violent and should not be approached. He overpowered his two guards when the van taking him to Coventry Magistrates' Court halted in rush-hour traffic near Leicester. Police used a helicopter and dog-handlers to search the area. The man was due to face a charge of aggravated burlary.

## Lavatory role of honour

A visiting German journalist was so impressed with the public lavatories along a 50-mile stretch of the Suffolk coast that he took photographs of them and, when he returned to Germany, wrote an article about them in the *East Frisia General-Anzeiger*. Albrecht Schreiber carefully catalogued every lavatory between Ipswich and Lowestoft, remarking on their variety and their extremely high standard.

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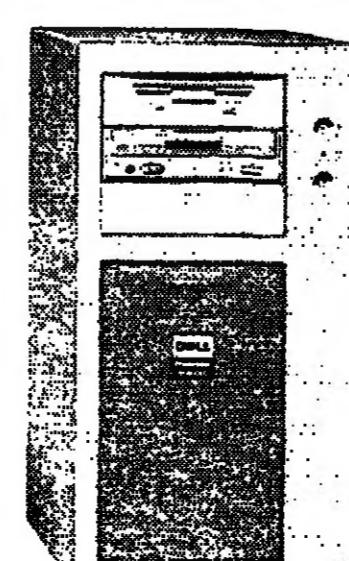
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## Blair deserves praise for hiring talent from the real world

All the fuss about Tony Blair politicising Whitehall misses the point. The really novel and striking feature is how many non-political appointments the Blair Government has made, tapping a pool of experience and talent outside the conventional political world.

Yesterday, for example, Gordon Brown announced the four outside nominations to the Bank of England's new monetary policy committee. None can be described as partisan nominees. They are all both eminent and independent minded — Professor Charles Goodhart, the leading banking

and finance economist; Dr DeAnne Julius of British Airways; Sir Alan Budd, who will be retiring as the Treasury's Chief Economic Adviser this autumn; and Willem Buiter, a leading international economist. If anything, some are almost too academic, without direct market experience, though this might have created conflicts of interest. These appointees should give credibility to the new monetary arrangements which are formally launched later this week.

Earlier examples including the appointment of Sir David, now Lord, Simon, the former chairman of Schleswig Holstein question of the welfare state. Few would quarrel

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with the appointment of Professor George Bain, the principal of the London Business School, to be chairman of the Low Pay Commission which is to be set up to advise on the level at which the national minimum wage should be set.

These appointments are more important than the row about special advisers. The increase in the number of such politically appointed advisers does not yet represent a great change in the working of Whitehall. The number of advisers to ministers is being strictly limited and the expansion in 10 Downing Street has been to increase policy advice, as many

commentators on Whitehall affairs have urged. Indeed, the Government has imposed an entirely unnecessary straitjacket on itself by promising to keep the pay bill for such advisers to the same total as under the Tories. That means that senior advisers (some with experience from the last Labour Government) have had their pay held down.

The only real issue is whether the growth in the number of special advisers interferes with the Whitehall command structure and the impartial advice supplied by civil servants. This was specifically recognised in the Order in Council

committed under a particular Prime Minister and not returned to Civil Service posts.

The Blair premiership has so far involved strong central political direction and co-ordination. But the size of even the enlarged Prime Minister's office is still small by international standards. There are, admittedly, dangers in ministers just listening to an inner circle of politically trusted advisers, but the Blair Government has shown a welcome willingness to look outside to non-partisan businessmen and academics.

**PETER RIDDELL**

## Labour's low-pay chief acknowledges risk of job losses

BY JILL SHERMAN  
CHIEF POLITICAL  
CORRESPONDENT



GEORGE BAIN, the new head of the Low Pay Commission, risked embarrassing the Government yesterday by conceding that the national minimum wage could lead to job losses.

Professor Bain, appointed yesterday to chair the body that will recommend the level for a statutory minimum wage, also suggested that the loss of some low-paid jobs would be a good thing. "Everyone is agreed that we want to set a rate which will do something for the low paid without costing jobs," he said. "I would be surprised if there were not some job losses, but the question is whether those jobs would be better lost anyway. Anyone who says they know what the impact will be is misleading you because there are so many imponderables."

But Professor Bain, principal of the London Business School, said there was certainly a need for a minimum rate and argued that sanctions should be imposed on firms that refused to pay it.

The Government tried to distance itself from his remarks about probable job losses. Labour spent most of the general election campaign denying that the wage would

lead to job cuts unless it was set too high.

"The minimum wage will be set at a level that won't cost jobs," one Whitehall source said. Downing Street was more wary, insisting that if the minimum wage was set at the right level job losses were unlikely.

John Monks, the TUC general secretary, had welcomed Professor Bain's appointment, saying that he was a respected and independent figure who would command the respect of both employers and employees.

Yesterday trade union sources suggested that Professor Bain had been talking as an academic about the possibility of job losses. "Most people accept there will be some effect on jobs," one source said. "But nobody now

accepts the political argument that there will be hundreds of thousands of job losses. Professor Bain was not suggesting that."

Professor Bain suggested that the commission would recommend a level for the minimum wage by April, allowing time for it to be implemented next summer. But he is already under pressure from trade unionists to implement the statutory minimum wage by spring. Unions have called for different levels, most of which are between £4 and £4.50 an hour.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, said he believed that there would be no difficulty in setting a tight timetable. The Commission should recommend a figure by this autumn, giving the Government until Christmas to announce the new rate so that it could come into effect from April 1.

But Ruth Lee, head of the Institute of Directors' policy unit, said that the IoD remained strongly opposed to a minimum wage of £4 an hour and that introducing it by next April seemed hasty. Setting it at £4 was potentially "very destructive" and would be particularly damaging in areas such as retailing and textiles. "It is far too high," she said. "Even if the figure was £3 an hour then a lot of people would be affected."



Senator Mitchell and his co-chairmen in London yesterday after meeting Tony Blair and Mo Mowlam, below left



## Belfast breaks political mould as talks resume

BY NICHOLAS WATT  
CHIEF IRELAND  
CORRESPONDENT

NATIONALISTS took a huge step forward last night when Belfast City Council elected its first Roman Catholic Lord Mayor since Queen Victoria granted the city's Royal Charter in 1888.

Alban Maginness, 46, a Social Democratic and Labour Party councillor in Belfast for 12 years, was elected with the support of Sinn Fein and the Alliance Party. Today he will join other senior SDLP members at the multiparty talks that resume at Stormont after a two-month adjournment.

The talks will be chaired by Senator George Mitchell,

who held his first meeting with Tony Blair yesterday on his way from the United States to Belfast. At a 30-minute meeting in Downing Street they discussed ways of breaking the impasse that held up progress for almost a year.

Sinn Fein, which will be excluded until the IRA declares a ceasefire, will stage a publicity stunt outside the venue. Gerry Adams, the party president, insisted yesterday that Sinn Fein should be allowed to join the talks because of its strong electoral mandate.

His demands went unheeded yesterday after the IRA ended its unofficial ceasefire over the weekend by abandoning a 1,000 lb bomb in

West Belfast. Adam Ingram, the Northern Ireland Security Minister, said ministers would review talks that officials are holding with Sinn Fein. He said there was no justification for the bomb, which was clearly targeted at the police and Army.

Belfast's new Lord Mayor last night hailed his victory as a "breaking of the political mould". Mr Maginness, a barrister who is highly respected across the sectarian barriers in Northern Ireland, said one of his main objectives was to create a bond of trust between Protestants and Catholics. Unionists and Nationalists, leading to reconciliation and peace in a city that remained the most divided in Europe.

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## Education law being rushed, say Tories

BY PATTY NEWTON

THE Government was accused yesterday of rushing through the abolition of the assisted places scheme without allowing MPs enough time to study details of the plan.

Labour is to phase out the scheme, which pays for children from low-income families to attend private schools, and use the savings to fund its commitment to reduce class sizes to a maximum of 30 by 2002 for pupils aged five, six and seven. The Education (Schools) Bill, which implements the measure, was given a second reading yesterday and will pass through its committee stage and third reading on Thursday.

Tories complained that the Bill had not been available to MPs until after the Commons rose for the Whitsun recess. Eric Forth, a frontbench education spokesman, questioned whether this gave adequate time for MPs to consider it properly and for interested parties outside the Commons to make their comments.

But Margaret Hodge, Labour MP for Barking, said that the Tories were simply unable to deal with a Government that kept its election pledges and did so quickly.

David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, insisted that the assisted places scheme was flawed. Nearly one third of those helped by it had already been at a private school before their application was approved, and more than half came from middle-class backgrounds.

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Sierra Leoneans demonstrate for peace after 20 are killed in dawn seafront bombardment

## Nigerian gunboats shell Freetown coup leaders' base

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

**FIGHTING** swept through Freetown yesterday after Nigerian gunboats opened up a dawn bombardment in an attempt to topple the Sierra Leonean coup leaders.

The shelling killed about 20 people in the Aberdeen seafront district, and terrified residents fled with bundles of possessions on their heads. Witnesses said that several more civilians had been killed in the crossfire between the intervening Nigerian troops, on the one side, and Sierra Leonean soldiers and rebels allied to coup leaders.

Britain expressed alarm at the outbreak of military action, insisting that the coup leaders should be persuaded to step down by negotiation and peaceful means.

The Nigerian bombardment began in the early morning, directed into the western part of the city where the rebel leaders have their headquarters. Witnesses reported an entire family killed by incoming mortar shells. Small-arms fire was also heard in the city. The attack provoked anger from many Sierra Leoneans, including opponents of the coup, and thousands took to the streets, chanting "We want peace."

Troops supporting the rebels surrounded the city's main hotel where Nigerian soldiers were guarding about 75 Britons, 15 Americans and other foreigners seeking refuge from the violence.

Many of the civilians sought shelter in the Mammy Yoko hotel basement, as windows on the first and second floors were shattered by gunfire. "It's a fight for survival," one Nigerian officer said after six Nigerian troops were wounded. After a lull last night, there were hopes that a ceasefire could be negotiated. The Nigerians, part of a West African

peacekeeping force for Liberia that was stationed in Sierra Leone when the coup was staged on May 25, said they had seized control of the airport, north of the capital, after a brief fight with Sierra Leonean troops.

The force from the West African economic co-operation group, Econog, was reinforced by troops from Ghana and Guinea. The rebel troops sent out a helicopter during the day to fire back at the Nigerian gunships moored in the bay.

Peter Penfold, the British High Commissioner, has been attempting to persuade the rebel leader, Major Johnny Koromah, to step down and allow the return of President Kabba. He has fled to Guinea. It was not known where he was last night, but he was thought to be travelling.

British major hurt in clashes

A BRITISH officer in Sierra Leone was hit by shrapnel in the head and back yesterday during clashes in Freetown.

diplomat said James Bone writes. Major Lincoln Jopp, on a training attachment as an adviser to the Sierra Leone government forces, had remained in the capital after last week's evacuation of British citizens as Nigerian troops massed to reverse a coup by low-ranking army officers. Major Jopp, of the Scots Guards, was hit after shooting between the British High Commission and a hotel in the capital where foreigners, protected by a small number of Nigerian troops, had been encircled by a much larger force of rebels backing the coup leaders.

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Neimah Duncan, left, is overcome by emotion after arriving at Stansted with other evacuees to be welcomed by her daughter, Soraya

## Tears and tales of terror at family reunions

By LIN JENKINS

MORE than 200 evacuees from the coup in Sierra Leone arrived back in Britain yesterday, including children reunited with their parents after being caught up in fighting.

Among them was Ramatta Conneh, the two-year-old girl found by an American hotel owner in Freetown with her passport in a purse around her neck. Others included missionaries, aid workers, businessmen, students and other children left with relatives in the West African country.

The 230 passengers, 126 from Britain and the Commonwealth, flew into Stansted airport at 5am from Conakry, the capital of neighbouring Guinea, on a Foreign Office-chartered flight.

Ramatta finally met her mother, Isatu, a healthcare assistant at a London hospital, after passing through immigration and being met by Essex social services. She had been staying with her grandmother in Freetown for

"People have been raped and had guns pointed at their children. It is anarchy"

the past seven months but was found wandering alone by Roger Crooks on Friday. His fiancée, Vanessa Schilach, took Ramatta by helicopter to the USS Kearsarge, which delivered her to Guinea. There she was met by a cousin, who flew with her to Stansted.

Other evacuated children told how Freetown descended into chaos around them. Jenovive Chinyere, nine, hid with her sister Rita, 13, and brother Anthony, 15, beneath their home.

"They held guns to us in our neighbour's house," Anthony said. "They said they had been suffering for years and now it was their turn to enjoy. They came to our house and destroyed everything. What they could not take they shot. We hid under the house and they did not know we were there."

The children went to join their

mother in south London yesterday while their father remained in Guinea, anxious about the fate of his business in Sierra Leone.

Three-year-old twins Daphne and Desphelia Lewis flew back to Britain with their grandmother. Their father, Desmond, from northwest London, said: "They went to see their grandparents for the first time over eight weeks ago. We were worried sick about them. I'm so relieved to have them back."

Tears and tales of terror accompanied many reunions. Dido Kange trembled as he pulled from his suitcase a bullet-damaged padlock from the gate to his home. "They shot through the padlock. They were shooting between my legs," he said. "One had a rocket-propelled grenade-launcher and I said, 'If you fire that in here we

are all dead.' His mother-in-law, Neimah Duncan, 55, said: "People have been raped, they have been beaten, and they have had guns pointed at their children. It is complete anarchy. There is no sense to it." She said she feared for her husband, Richard, who has remained to protect the family business.

Eddie Bannin, 66, decided to leave two days after he saw his wife, four children and three grandchildren escape to safety. "I don't think I will go back. In my bedroom there are bullets like nobody's business. My son-in-law was jumping like he was skipping — they kept firing bullets at the floor saying they wanted money."

Edith Mayhew spent the night at the airport after flying from her home in Glasgow, not knowing if her children were on the DC10. It was only when Sammy, 18, and Graham, seven, emerged from the customs hall that she knew they were safe. "I can't believe they're back," she said.

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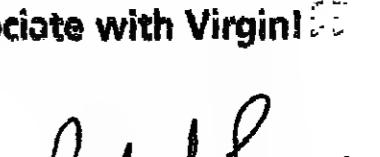
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# US relieved by record reduction in murder

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE murder rate in the United States dropped by a record 11 per cent last year and violent crime overall fell by 7 per cent, the largest drop since the Government first kept statistics 37 years ago.

Preliminary figures issued by the FBI yesterday suggest that for the first time violent crime has fallen below the levels that engulfed America in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

The big cities of New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston all reported fewer murders in 1996. Among only a few notable exceptions to the trend was Washington where homicides rose by 36, making the city once again eligible for the dubious mantle of US murder capital.

The nationwide figure of 19,224 murders annually remains by far the highest of any Western democracy and the American South, which has a particular culture of violence, reported only a minor decrease of 2 per cent in violent crime.

In contrast, Britain had a relatively low total of 680 murders in 1996, a fall of 8 per cent, while violent crime as a whole rose by 11 per cent over the same period, the biggest increase for seven years. The total number of offences, however, fell by 1.3 per cent in 1996, the fourth consecutive drop.

President Clinton and Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, hailed the new statistics as a direct result of the Administration's anti-crime policies. "The continued downward trend over the past four years is further evidence we are on the right track with increased community policing, tougher penalties and greater juvenile crime prevention," Mr Clinton said.

Experts believe that the unprecedented drop has been caused by several factors, including the growing number of ageing baby-boomers who now account for one-third

of the population. Almost all violent crime is committed by young people. Another important component is thought to have been the apparent truce among drug traffickers over control of the crack cocaine market in America's inner cities. Despite an increase in drug use in the US, gang leaders have brought an end to the years of violent turf wars, marked out their territory and stabilised the market. Drive-by shootings and random killings are no longer an everyday occurrence.

"The maturing of the crack market accounts for a lot of the decrease," said James Fyfe, a criminologist at Washington's Temple University and a former police officer. "A lot of these kids are in jail or have killed each other off already to eliminate the competition. After a few years, strong and cunning people take control."

He said a similar pattern had emerged with alcohol in the 1920s, heroin in the 1960s, and cocaine in the 1980s.

Police officials in the big cities believe that tougher federal gun control, combined with zero-tolerance policies for minor infractions, including graffiti, vandalism and petty brawls have further contributed to the downward trend.

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## Canada poll dominated by Quebec

By TOM RHODES

CANADA went to the polls yesterday in an election overshadowed by national unity, the single issue which threatens to undermine the next government.

While polls were predicting victory for the Liberal Party of Jean Chretien, the Canadian Prime Minister, the primary concern for the voters was the fight for second place between the divisive forces of the regions.

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## Iraqi arms official to visit Britain

By MICHAEL BINNION  
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THREE top Iraqi officials, including a representative from President Saddam Hussein's war machine — at the heart of the arms-to-Iraq scandal — are due to visit Britain to begin talks on granting oil concessions to a British company.

Iraqi opposition groups yesterday demanded the visit and urged all governments to stick by the sanctions agreement and not negotiate with Saddam.

The three men include Dr Takriti, one of the top officials of the oil ministry. Visas for the group — the most senior to visit Britain since the Gulf War — were granted by the British Embassy in Amman. They are understood to be seeking

to offer sole concessions to Perenco for the development of the Nassiriya oil field in southern Iraq. The company had no one available to comment yesterday.

The delegation includes representatives from the Ministry of Oil, the Ministry of Industry and the Military Industrialisation Organisation (MIO). The Iraqi National Congress, representing Iraqi opposition groups in Britain, said yesterday it was "particularly ominous" that officials from the MIO — the agency that developed the Iraqi arms industry —

should be involved.

In December the United Nations allowed Iraq to sell limited amounts of oil for food, medicine and humanitarian needs, but foreign companies were still banned from direct investment in Iraq's

## Wartime role model dies

Clarksville, Indiana: Rose Will Monroe, right, whose high-profile role as "Rosie the Riveter" in promotional films and on posters pushed women to take jobs during the Second World War, has died aged 77. Ms Monroe, who died Saturday, was working as a riveter building military airplanes in Ypsilanti, Michigan, when she was asked to star in a promotional film about the war effort. The role became synonymous with thousands of women who took defence industry jobs. (AP)



## Russian soldier kills ten peacekeepers

Moscow: A sergeant shot dead ten fellow soldiers serving in a peacekeeping battalion, the second such army incident in less than three days, the Russian military said yesterday. (Richard Beeston writes). Among the dead was the commanding officer of the platoon. The unit, based in the disputed region of Abkhazia, was resting when Sergeant Artur Vaganov, 20, opened fire. Vaganov later shot himself. If the attack had been an isolated incident, the authorities could have blamed it on the mental state of one individual. But the shooting was the latest in a series.

At the weekend, authorities in Siberia said they had arrested Yevgeni Gorbunov, 20, a conscript accused of killing five fellow soldiers in a

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## Church is guilty of race bias

New York: The United Methodist Church has been ordered to pay \$180,000 (£100,000) in damages for racial discrimination against a white minister after it failed to interview him for a "blacks-only" job (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

An all-black jury in Baltimore, the most black city on America's East Coast, found for John Shirkey, 60, who sued the church in 1993. Mr Shirkey, who has spent most of his pastoral career working in the impoverished black areas of Baltimore and Washington, applied for the post of community organiser, but was told that the job was reserved for blacks and "indigenous people". Shirkey, he was told, need not apply. The church is to appeal.

## ANC challenged

Johannesburg: South African trade union leaders claimed that more than two million workers joined their nationwide strike against new labour laws (Inigo Gilmore writes). The success of the protest, including a march here, underscored the widening gulf between Labour and its allies in the African National Congress Government by threatening rolling mass action to highlight grievances.

## Failed dream

New York: The American Dream of Elhajj Malick Dieye, a penniless Senegalese immigrant, ended abruptly when he jumped from the Statue of Liberty in front of tourists (James Bone writes). Officials said it was the first suicide in memory at the statue that promises to welcome "your poor huddled masses" to American shores.

## Senna tyres 'low'

Rome: Damon Hill, the world motor racing champion, said he did not believe the Williams team was responsible for the death of Ayrton Senna at Imola in 1994 (Richard Owen writes). Senna made two unusual "corrections" before the crash on the Tamburello bend, possibly due to a fall in tyre pressure, he told the manslaughter trial in Imola.





## Primeval Labour swept into power by red tide of antediluvian politics

The hammer and sickle, now unavailable further east, was flying over the Boulevard Saint-Germain early yesterday and red flags marched to the banging of dustbin lids.

The Internationale, and the words rouge du sang de l'ouvrier (the red blood of the workers) floated in snatches from the ecstatic crowd. Why, comrades, you could almost have been back in the roaring revolutionary Twenties, or perhaps on the barriers in 1968. But 1997? Most unlikely.

PETER RIDDELL



France is a modern country except for its primordial political parties, Kate Muir writes from Paris

Yet here were we, interlopers from the land of new Labour, watching the revival of Primeval Labour, the French Socialist Party and its Communist Party allies. Until this moment when the pink tide swept across the

election pie charts, most observers considered France a modern country where you could buy small electronic gadgets, wine futures and Renault Twingo. But although it is socially and culturally modern, politically

it is antediluvian. Those of us who live here already know this. Like the Parisians, we celebrated as offers of milk and honey replaced the austerity measures promised by the Right. We hummed along to the Communist youth anthem, *La jeune garde*, as we arrived at work. We toasted the new or, more like, *ancien* regime. As foreigners, we can luxuriate for a few years, cradled by one of the most lavish welfare states in the world, and then leave long before the crash.

The Socialists will protect all that we hold dear, from the superb state education system, to a health service without waiting lists, and public transport symbolised by the marvelous TGV.

But they will also protect all that we hold rather excessive: thalassotherapy (warm sea-water spas), shiatsu massage and haute cuisine free on the NHS.

Small trains will still run on single gauge tracks

through exquisite countryside, carrying one passenger every six months. More workers will win their demands to retire at 50 on a full pension, as shortening the working week is another Primeval Labour promise. Passengers will continue to avoid booking on Air France, which will remain in the (financial) red and strike regularly.

How the Socialists will finance their promises is most unclear. An election slogan such as, "It's the economy, stupid", would be anathema here. It must be said that Lionel Jospin, the new Prime Minister, does not inspire the adjective *charismatic*.

On election night, the television stations desperately tried to make biographical films. These were endless shots of people politely clapping as M Jospin rose, Major-like, in a grey suit and grey hair, to give dreary speeches. The most exciting clip of his life was when he dithered over a

white or an organic brown sawdust loaf at the local greengrocer, and plumped for the politically correct option.

Clearly a spin doctor, or perhaps his wife, told him to change his thick brown-framed spectacles for see-through frames, a move which has rendered him almost invisible.

Even fervent Socialist supporters are short on fascinating Jospin moments. "Er," said one hopefully, "he was a boy scout."

MICHAEL SPINGLER AP

## Jospin takes reins with hand tied behind back

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

### POLL TALLY

prepared to join a left-wing administration in principle but was awaiting firm policy commitment from M Jospin. The Communists, who have been campaigning vigorously against the single currency, have called for swift action on pay, job-creation schemes and an immediate reduction in the working week. "We are working to get certain undertakings from the Socialists," Robert Hue, the party leader, said.

M Chirac's failed election gamble and the difficulties being experienced by Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, have led some French observers to predict a radical alteration in Europe's power configuration. "Has their time passed?" *Le Monde* newspaper wondered yesterday. "Time will tell whether a Blair-Jospin partnership is taking the place, in Europe, of the Kohl-Chirac partnership."

Not only has the balance of power within France, and perhaps Europe, been radically altered by the Left's crushing

victory, which cut the Centre Right's huge former majority by almost half, but the character of the French parliament has been transformed as well. The Socialist triumph has doubled the number of women MPs — to 62. Just 5 per cent of seats in the last parliament were held by women, the lowest representation in Europe. M Jospin has pledged to appoint women to senior ministerial posts.

As the rest of Europe pondered the fate of economic and monetary union in the wake of the elections, the Socialists repeated their conditions for joining a single currency — including no further austerity measures and the participation of Spain and Italy from the outset.

Seven of the outgoing centre-right Cabinet lost their seats in Sunday night's massacre, including Jacques Toubon, the former Justice Minister, whose fall might best be compared to that of Michael Portillo in Britain.

A strong sense of déjà vu from the British election was also apparent yesterday as

senior figures within the devastated centre-right coalition began jockeying for leadership and blaming each other for the disaster.

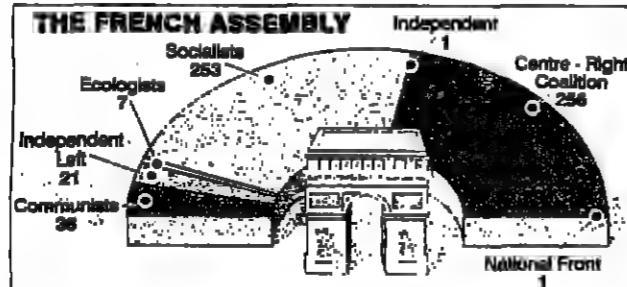
Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former President, staring the obvious forcefully, said the President's decision to call an election had been "imprudent". Edouard Balladur, M Chirac's erstwhile presidential rival, called for a complete review of the Centre Right's political organisation.

Philippe Séguin, the Gaullist Eurosceptic who emerged as the last-ditch figure-head for the Centre Right, vowed to fight "for a return to power with all those who share the same conception of France".

In perhaps the most worrying post-election development for the beaten coalition, Bruno Mégret, the deputy leader of the National Front, called for an alliance between his extreme-right party and whatever emerged from what he called the "smouldering ruins" of the Centre Right.

The Front won nearly 15 per cent of the first-round vote and some on the right wing of the shattered coalition may be tempted to take up M Mégret's suggestion, so splitting the Centre Right.

The xenophobic party gained just one seat in parliament, its first since 1988, but it played a crucial spoiling role in the election's outcome by running candidates in the second round in 76 constituencies, 47 of which were won by the Left.



## Marriage of inconvenience for Socialists

Paris: Lionel Jospin needs the skills of an experienced polygamist in the coming months as he plunges into "cohabitation" with not just one partner but several, all making different demands on his powers and wallet (Ben Macintyre writes).

M Jospin must share power across the political spectrum: on his right he will be trying to work with a conservative President, Jacques Chirac, who will do everything he can to exert his authority

and prove he is not a lame duck; on his left are the Greens and, more importantly, the Communists, holding the balance of power and already setting out the terms of their pre-nuptial contract with the Socialist-led Government.

Despite the shattering failure of his election gamble, the President still wields enormous powers and is expected to focus on foreign policy. M Jospin's Government will broadly steer domestic

and economic policy. But the potential for conflict is enormous. M Jospin will recommend ministers, but M Chirac can reject them and he can make his Prime Minister's life still harder by slowing down legislation. In extremis, the President can demand a referendum on stalled policies and, if the entire system goes into paralysis, M Chirac can invoke the constitution and call another election after a year.

## Left-wing allies head for early ideological clash

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

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# Laid low by an energy crisis

ROBIN MAYER

A report published last week claimed that one in five schoolchildren suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome, the debilitating illness formerly known as ME. For 18 desperate months, Candida Scott-Knight was told she had this incurable condition. Then, six months ago, she learnt that she had something quite different, an illness that could be effectively controlled with the right treatment

In January 1995 I was posted to New York to work for the BBC. A few days after my arrival I still couldn't seem to shake off my jet lag and I was suffering from dizzy spells. I visited the BBC's doctor who found nothing wrong with me and sent me home. A week later I went again and this time I was diagnosed with labyrinthitis, an infection of the inner ear. I was put on a course of steroids and told that two days later I would be better. The days came and went but I still had sore throats, migraines, aching limbs and flu-like symptoms. Again I went to see a doctor, who informed me that I had a bad case of the flu.

I knew this wasn't just flu. I'd been ill for nearly three weeks. I decided it was time to get specialist help. I went to see an ophthalmologist, an ear, nose and throat specialist and a neurologist. I went for a CAT scan — a scary experience for which the nurse gave me two shots of Valium to calm me down. After the scan the doctors let me walk out onto the streets of New York, where I fainted down the pavement for ten minutes, before I realised I was walking in the wrong direction.

I was scared. I had no idea what was wrong with me. I was frightened by doctors into thinking that I might have multiple sclerosis, a brain tumour or a life-threatening disease. A girlfriend in London suggested that I might have "chronic fatigue syndrome" (CFS) and sent me some cuttings. I read them with dread, realising that I had the same symptoms, and decided that this was what I had. I went to see a CFS specialist, who agreed and suggested a mix of daily jabs.

At this point, I decided it was time to go home. Before I left I telephoned an American help group. The founder, a sufferer of 18 years, told me that I would probably never get better.

With this helpful advice, I flew back to England, went immediately to see my local

'I was scared, I didn't know what was wrong'

and vegetables, and switched from white pasta to brown. I even tried a daily cocktail of egg whites, wheaten and aloe vera, Madonna's elixir of life. I was healthier than most of my friends — except I was ill.

Six months turned into a year, and a year into 18 months. I cried most days, not knowing if I would ever get back to my vibrant, noisy, former self. Some days I failed to get up. One day I couldn't put on my dressing gown, it felt too heavy. My boyfriend often had to carry me up the stairs. When I slowly walked to the shops I looked like an old lady, and would have to rest halfway. I had no energy. My worst dread became watching the seasons change on the tree outside my sitting room window. From blossom to green leaves to orange to no leaves to snow to sun to blossom again.



Candida Scott-Knight lost 18 months of normal life until yet another doctor finally tracked down the cause of her acute lethargy to a malfunction of the thyroid gland

My family were incredibly supportive, as was my boyfriend. Some friends were not so understanding. Some even suggested that I was "just lazy". I hated myself. I felt like a burden. All that I could do was wait, or join a help group. It seems that there is nothing on offer for people with this illness. A friend put me in touch with a friend who had CFS for four years and hadn't been able to get out of bed for six months later.

After a while, I became depressed and frustrated. I had no idea when I might become well again. I was 24 in my youth, wasting years and behaving like a 90-year-old. I couldn't even read a broadsheet newspaper. I resorted to looking at the pictures in *The Sun*. I believe I can now understand why people commit suicide. To be depressed is truly to be without hope.

Then, in September last year, 30 doctors and alternative therapists later, I went to see a private doctor recommended to me by a friend. Dr David O'Connell took a blood test, examined me and looked at my mountain of paperwork. He told me in his charming Irish accent that I would be better by Easter 1998. I didn't believe him, but six months later, I do.

I have a disease called hypothyroidism. I don't produce enough thyroxine, a hormone that is normally produced by the thyroid gland.

It takes about six months for thyroxine to get into your system properly and by trial and error to find the correct dose.

In the past two weeks, I have begun to feel much more like my old self. As Sir Richard Bayliss, a consultant endocrinologist who specialises in problems of the thyroid gland, states: "This is not a disease that gets better between tea time and dinner."

Dr O'Connell looked for three specific physical signs to confirm that I had hypothyroidism, which I will have for the rest of my life. These are: cold, sweaty extremities, puffiness around the eyes and an abnormality in ankle reflexes.

Dr O'Connell says that "a large number of people who have been diagnosed with CFS in fact have hypothyroidism", adding that he has treated many patients "who have had years of misery thinking they had chronic fatigue, when in fact they have had this condition".

My thyroxine levels were tested several times before my first appointment with my new doctor, but each time the results showed that my levels of the hormone were normal.

The results of the blood tests taken by Dr O'Connell showed that levels of another hormone, thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH), were elevated, proving that I had undoubted hypothyroidism, even though my thyroxine had been within the normal range.

One of the jobs of the thyroid gland is to control the body's metabolic rate. If you

have a low metabolic rate you put on weight and your body slows down, which is why you feel tired. Nobody really knows why the thyroid gland should suddenly stop functioning properly. One theory is that the antibodies get confused and start to attack the gland — known as Hashimoto's thyroiditis. The other is that it simply wears out, which is why older women are prone to this condition.

Thyroxine is rich in iodine, a mineral essential for health. In the past, it was often found that people who lived far from the sea (a good source of iodine) and ate locally produced food suffered from iodine deficiency, and hence, from hypothyroidism. It is a condition that presents many different symptoms, which means it is hard to distinguish

it from other illnesses. The migraines, lethargy, lack of concentration, intolerance to bright lights and cold, sleepless nights, aching muscles, fainting spells, a flu-like feeling behind the eyes, cold clammy hands and feet, and weight gain are all very similar to the symptoms of CFS.

I t seems that even if you have the best doctors, thyroid problems are notoriously difficult to diagnose. Boris Yeltsin's heart disease may not be, as is sometimes suggested, the result of too much vodka, but of having been deprived for many years of an adequately functioning thyroid gland.

I am not suggesting that everybody who has chronic fatigue has hypothyroidism. But, as I see it, CFS is a huge melting pot for many different illnesses that cannot yet be explained. It is a convenient label for doctors who find it hard to understand why people suddenly get ill for no obvious reason.

My advice to anybody who is unfortunate enough to have chronic fatigue diagnosed, is to treat it with scepticism, keep checking and try every possible route.

When I was really ill, I didn't realise quite how ill I was. It is only now that I look

back on the past two years and four months, that I see how unwell I was. I can't mind that I was robbed of this time. I can only look forward and enjoy life again. Three months ago I wouldn't have had the energy to write this article. Now, I'm about to start full-time work again and I am planning to do a film course in New York at the end of the year. I can only hope that my particular experience will offer hope to others. In short, don't give up.

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Tony Goring and Ian Thomas in their London pub, the Townhouse, SE1. They dreamt of a new life as rural landlords but found a distinctly mixed welcome in the Cotswolds

## Dream that turned bitter

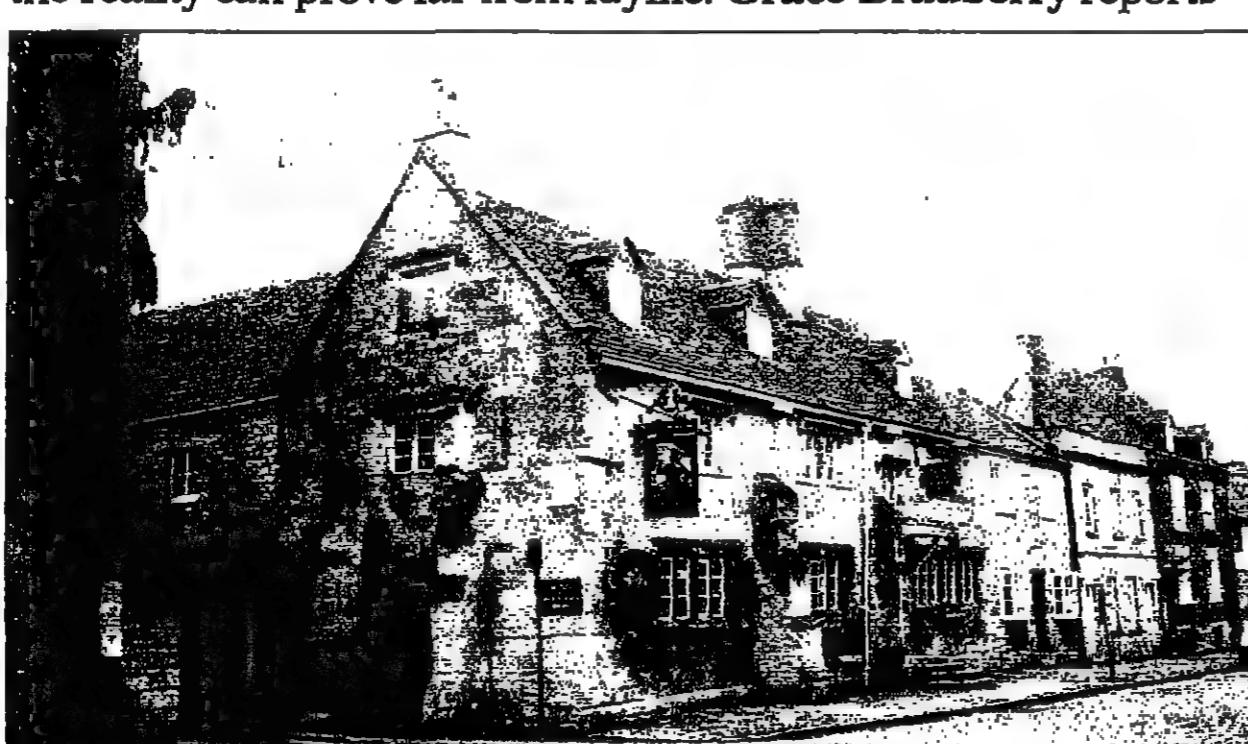
**T**ony Goring, 37, and Ian Thomas, 40, had been BA stewards for 13 and ten years respectively when they decided to pursue their dream of running a pub in the Cotswolds. Tony tells their story:

There was no specific thing that made us decide to move to the country, but when we looked around us, BA seemed to be full of people with great ideas who were still stuck there pushing trolleys. We had both reached an age where, if we didn't do something, we might be stewards at 60.

I had also grown tired of all the American jargon that seemed to be taking over. We would go into the office and on training courses, and people would be talking about "putting things on back burners" and similar nonsense. I thought, "Does no one here speak English any more?"

Having decided to do our own thing, we also wanted to get out of London with all its traffic and hubbub. "Wouldn't it be nice . . ." we thought. We had an old English sheepdog and we imagined taking it out for walks in the countryside.

Having looked at various pubs, we heard about The Corner Cupboard Inn in a village called Winchcombe. It seemed perfect: a 500-year-old building with original fireplaces, in a small village on the outskirts of Cheltenham in



The Corner Cupboard Inn, Winchcombe, proved far from the tourist trail. Putting on live music led to complaints

Gloucestershire. It was nice — it really was — and we thought it would be a tourist trap.

We soon found that not many tourists came through at all. That meant we definitely had a problem. If we'd had a fortune in the bank account, we could have ignored the takings and kept the place as it was, not making much money. But we had to think about the practicalities, which meant coming up with events that would draw people into the pub.

There was a council estate in the village and its residents had very little to do in the evenings. We hired a singer for one night a week and put

on karaoke nights and parties. They loved it. We were invited to their weddings, we knew them all. We discovered very quickly, though, that there was another group of people who wanted the pub and the village kept the way it was — damned quiet. It was the sort of place where, if you played the car radio, you would hear it all over the village. A lot of people had bought places in Winchcombe so they could come down for the weekend and they, in particular, hated any noise.

We were in a quandary. To pack the pub we needed to create an atmosphere, which meant music. Even without the music, you could walk up the road and know the place was full just from the sound of voices and the laughter. We would have put in double-glazing but it was a Grade II listed building, so we couldn't.

The complaints soon started. We would find notes under the door in the morning

people would come in, or the regulars would tell us that so-and-so had been very angry. At first I thought "why on earth live near a pub if you don't like noise?" I even said to one or two people that I offered my apologies, but that they must accept that although the pub had been quiet before, now it was busy, and I could hardly ask people to talk more softly. Their response was simply to say: "I expect your pub to be quiet." The whingeing was constant.

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wonderful, with all the children limbo-dancing and everyone else dancing, too. The police asked "Has the music been any louder than this?" We said it hadn't — you can't turn up the volume of a steel drum. They were very understanding and said they couldn't understand what the fuss was about.

On New Year's Eve the police arrived when we were sitting around in our dressing gowns, picking up the remnants of sandwiches from the floor. They were gobsmacked — they had been told we were partying all night.

**W**e lasted for 13 months before deciding we would have to move. I was never under the impression that it would be a bed of roses, but we thought that with work we would be able to turn the place around. We succeeded — but there came a point where we had taken the business as far as it could go, and there was no solution to the noise problem.

The company that owned the pub offered others in the area, but we looked around and found one in The Borough, south London. It was in a terrible state with hardly any customers, but the brewery was going to refurbish it, so we knew it had potential. We also knew we could make it lively without fear of complaints from local people.

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**Magnus Linklater**  
explains why the sexual revolution leaves him a little hot under the collar

I HAVE always lagged a step or two behind the sexual revolution. Recently, however, the gap seems to have widened. I've dropped so far behind that I expect to be lapped any moment now by some sexual athlete coming round for the second time.

It was brought home to me when I booked two tickets to hear Naomi Wolf talking about her new book, *Promiscuities*. It would, I thought, be a stimulating, even an educational, experience. My daughter and I went along together, both of us, I thought, adult, responsible human beings, capable of taking on grown-up subjects such as sexual orientation, the human body and erogenous zones. Within a few minutes, however, I was beginning to wonder whether either of us was grown-up enough.

The programme notes carried the telltale phrase "for adult audiences" — always a giveaway — and, apart from me, there were only four men in the audience. The thought dawned that this might not be suitable material for normal buttoned-up, middle-class males.

Ms Wolf's theme was women and sexual desire. Her main point was that if women are to lead healthier, better-adjusted emotional lives, they need greater frankness when it comes to discussing their bodies, their intimate experiences and the physiology of the male sex. This she proceeded to do in some detail, beginning with a graphic account of the conversations she and her girlfriends used to have about men: more specifically, she recalled their teenage discussions about aspects of the male anatomy and its various functions, as well as a kind of beginner's guide to the physical parts that most public talks rarely reach. She then went on to lament the ignorance of men when it comes to certain aspects of female biology. Specifically, she talked at some length about the clitoris.

It was all remarkably relaxed, engaging and full of humour, though I sensed that some of the laughter was a little too hearty. But my reaction was one of deep embarrassment. I felt a ridiculous blush rising until my face had become a bright shade of mulberry: the sweat stood out on my forehead, and my shirt collar, which that morning had seemed to fit quite well, was uncomfortably tight. It was a bedroom discussion made public, and while I could have sauntered out, it meant pushing past a row of women, who would doubtless have muttered: "I wonder what his problem is?" Part of my discomfort may have been

caused by listening in the company of my daughter, but she, too, found the whole affair disconcerting, if not disturbing.

The reason, I think, was that Ms Wolf assumed not just understanding but complicity on the part of her audience. All women, she implied, had been through similar experiences: it was only society's repressive attitudes that had prevented them from acquiring a healthy openness about their sexual inclinations. If we could talk about it freely and honestly, we would all be better adjusted, more mature and, above all, good in bed.

Someone like myself, whose sexual education was mainly acquired in the fevered surroundings of a public school changing room, is hardly the best person to challenge Ms Wolf's view. But I think her argument is wrong, if not damaging. It presumes that all women share a common attitude to sex, and that they develop in similar ways. It presumes that they would relish the opportunity to talk more openly about their private lives but that they are held back only by a hidebound society. It presumes that the complexities of human nature can be simply resolved. It presumes too much. Sexual maturity comes in a wide variety of ways, at different ages and with different effects.

For some people, the progression may be as easy and as natural as Ms Wolf would like it to be. For them, the openness she advocates is already instinctive. They would join in her relaxed badinage with relish. For others, growing up is more complex. The genetic pattern they have been handed, the pressures of family, the social environment in which they make that uneasy progress from childhood to adolescence, all these may create personal barriers that even their friends can only guess at. The open exchange of sexual secrets too early may be not only painful, but threatening. The assumption that everyone else is sexually liberated and that only they are misfits, imprisoned by inhibitions, may increase their sense of inadequacy. They may need help — but not that kind.

There is nothing wrong in arriving late at sexual adulthood. There is nothing wrong in preferring reticence to exposure, or working out one's own private route to maturity. But there is everything wrong with assuming that we are all ready to join in a sexual free-for-all and that we would all be better for it.

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# Euro-rascals pay the price of mendacity

Anatole Kaletsky asks: will

Kohl's day of reckoning be next?

**D**emocracy is not about electing good governments. It is about getting rid of governments that are incompetent, corrupt or oppressive. That is why Churchill described democracy as the worst political system imaginable, except for all the others. It is why French voters have just elected a left-wing Government with totally incoherent policies and uncharismatic leadership. In an electoral turnaround that exceeded even that achieved by Tony Blair.

The people of France did not suddenly fall in love with the same Socialists whom they crushed in a political rump in the general election four years ago, when the combined forces of the Left were reduced to just 87 out of the 577 seats in the National Assembly.

After the contempt shown by the voters for the Socialists four years ago, and the absence of any Blair-like reconstruction of the Socialist Party in the intervening period, it is tempting to explain the French election result simply as a childish Gallic tantrum. Tempting, but wrong.

What the French did on Sunday was very similar to what British voters did a month before, and what the French did

All over Europe, there is a search for a new way

their electoral promises, and to preach arrogantly (and falsely) to their voters.

Above all, the EMU process has forced governments to pursue policies detrimental to the interests of their economies, while pretending that these were for the national good. It is not surprising that governments which claim to be pursuing pan-European programmes for economic stability, prosperity and employment are deemed incompetent when their policies produce exactly the opposite results.

In the British context it is worth recalling what people found most incomprehensible and ultimately unforgivable about the economic policies of John Major: the shocking contradiction between the Prime Minister's dire warnings about what would happen if Britain ever broke the monetary bonds with Europe and the benign results of being ejected from the exchange-rate mechanism.

Of course, every government in Europe tells its people that the tough economic decisions being taken in the name of the single currency are for their country's good. But this is exactly their biggest mistake. It is true that France and

Germany could benefit from reforming their pensions and labour markets, from streamlining bureaucracies and privatising state-run industries. But all this needs to be explained and justified in the German or French national context – and not as the "price" of keeping some ill-starred "rendezvous with Europe" which most of the voters would rather avoid. The German people may have been willing to tolerate some sacrifice to unify their nation, but the Kohl-Mitterrand-Chirac ideal of "unifying Europe" is one for which the voters do not give a tinker's cuss.

To make matters far worse, there is more than rhetoric and psychology in the contradiction between the "price of Europe" demanded by the politicians and the national economic interests their voters perceive. The fact is that the EMU programme, at least as conceived in the Maastricht treaty, has made it infinitely more painful to undertake the reforms in social and economic policies which France, Germany and the rest need.

By forcing European nations to deflate their economies with high taxes and overvalued exchange rates, the Maastricht conditions have undermined hopes that more competitive markets and lower public spending would create prosperity and jobs. On the contrary, the more France and Germany have reformed their labour markets, the more they have found tight money and high taxes destroying the days when politics was a battle of big ideas.

The end of ideology probably does explain some of the new-found volatility in Western politics, but it still begs the question of why governments seem to have become so incompetent, arrogant and dishonest all at the same time.

The most persuasive explanation is Europe itself. The political elites' obsession with monetary union has not merely given voters the impression that their rulers are living in another world, far removed from the everyday concerns of ordinary people – a self-absorbed detachment which, ironically, may have done as much damage to the Eurosceptical British Tories as to the federalist French and German Right. The EMU project has also encouraged the leaders of Europe to break

the rules of the game.

It is hardly surprising, then, that people all over Europe are looking for new directions. The rational first step in seeking a new direction is to look at the people who were responsible for the old direction – and throw the rascals out.

Our family has known one patch of

## Scot free

UP IN EDINBURGH, where Andrew Neil sits at the helm of the Barclay Brothers' newspaper interests as Editor-in-Chief, there have been lively developments at *The Scotsman*.

Lesley Riddoch, a senior editor, flounced out last week after one of her pieces was consigned to the dustbin. She is talking of suing for unfair dismissal and sexual discrimination.

The development has come as an embarrassment to the BBC, for Andrew Neil and Lesley Riddoch are both presenters of the corpora-



She's off: Lesley Riddoch

tion's late-night show *The Midnight Hour*.

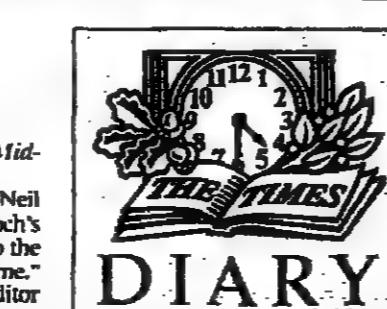
From the south of France, Neil distanced himself from Riddoch's departure. "You must speak to the editor. It's nothing to do with me," he said. Martin Clarke, the Editor recently appointed by Neil, was digging in for a battle. "We do not accept in any way that she was unfairly dismissed."

Riddoch, who edited the paper on International Women's Day, calling it *The Scotswoman*, was unavailable yesterday. But she is said to blame Neil for the change in editorial policy that led to her departure.

She is not to be taken lightly, either. When working on the show in Manchester earlier this year, "Big Les" charged upon a drunken brawler in a back alley where a man was getting a pasting, curled up in agony on the ground. She sprang to his defence and within seconds, the miscreants were themselves howling with pain.

### Zut alors

FOR HISTRIONICS, the French election provided better value than



cert in honour of the man who might have been Prime Minister. The music is by Keith Burstein, an aggressively self-righteous, rather slushy composer who used to organise bands of hecklers to go about wrecking performances of modern atonal music, particularly anything by Sir Harrison Birtwistle.

Friday's concert will be attended by Smith's widow, Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill, and all members of the Cabinet have been invited. Those wanting to stay in with new Labour's groovy friends in modern design, art and music would do

well to make this Burstein gig a one-off.

• The beaming visage of France's new Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in yesterday's papers could not have been more different from his gloomy appearance in the run-up to the poll. He was distraught that the press kept referring to him as "honest Lionel" because he knew that the voters prefer their politicians to be streetwise.

### Dear me

COMPARED with Margot Asquith, the impossibly vain second wife of the Liberal Prime Minister, Narcissus was a self-loathing wimp. Dorothy Parker said of her: "The affair between Margot Asquith and Margot Asquith will live as one of the prettiest love stories in all literature." Now one of her letters is going on sale at Phillips. In one she writes to her literary agent about the sale of her diaries: "In 100 years or less, they will be bought and read by everyone and go through hundreds of editions. I have never read anything quite like them."

She adds that she will sell them at a very high price. La belle dame would doubtless be horrified to learn that the letter is expected to fetch only £60.



Egotist: Margot Asquith

• Alan Milburn, MP, the new Minister for Health, has been rapidly welcomed by his civil servants. In Opposition, Milburn had plagued the Department of Health with written questions, forcing hours of extra work on the bureaucrats. When he arrived in his new office, he was shown an enormous file marked "Milburn" and told: "We're so glad you're here. It means no more of your blasted questions."

P.H.S



## Keep the Isle Emerald

Irish voters have a rare opportunity to save their fragile rural wilderness

West Cork with a fair degree of intimacy since 1963, and seen it prosper. First there was Ireland's entry into the European Union, and the undreamt-of munificence of the common agricultural policy: farmers' cars got newer, and in the big kitchens the hard old wooden settles were replaced by less picturesque sofas, easier on the back. Then there was rising tourism, although the advent of the Troubles gave that a knock, and still deters the timid, especially Americans. Now we have this new growing and prancing of the Celtic Tiger as city wealth seeps

ans should reverse the trend. By and large, Miss ni Chonail's "Ireland for the Irish only" flag will be hard for anybody with a sense of fairness really round.

But one part of her message should be noted by other parties in Ireland, and by all countries which contain a beautiful and fragile rural wilderness. It is not just New Age travellers who enjoy her, but their opposite: wealthy British and Germans who buy property, push up house prices and obstruct the building of practical, cheap housing for local youth.

Sounds familiar, does it? It certainly will if you know a Cornish fishing village whose heart is dead because the waterfront fishermen's cottages stand empty nine months of the year, their expensive kitchen fittings and

cunning and force incomers to renovate old housing stock by allowing holidaymakers to buy only derelict cottages, those sad, stone ruins which are everywhere in the West as a reminder of the Great Famine and the emigrant ships. Coupled with tight planning regulations, this could painlessly improve the housing situation, as for spending their money the holidaymakers might well get tired of the rain and move on. Come to think of it, Britain could still do much with genuinely redundant farm buildings. I am sick and tired of watching holiday homes go up while nice Victorian brick-and-diamond structures crumble because the owner has no use for them and the planning committee is so obstructive about conversion.

Or they could fund support for

conservation and rural life by adapting the system of "social dividends" which local authorities here impose on big companies ("So build your supermarket, but put a parents' wing on the children's ward while you're at it"). On the same principle, buyers of

strictly holiday properties could pay an extra dose of stamp duty; or agree to let the council rent their house all winter to locals for a quarter of the usual rate.

There are all sorts of sneaky ways in which governments, without xenophobic posturing, could prevent harm being done to the countryside and its people by fortunes made in the city. Whoever wins in Ireland should at least acknowledge that there is a problem, and that they have a chance to do better by their far west than we did. What they have – what we once had – is too precious to squander.

Do Asian values hold water?

Jonathan Mirsky deconstructs a glib phrase beloved of Far Eastern despots

One of the starker indications that Hong Kong after the handover to China is not going to be the same good old colony merely under the Red Flag, is the regular invocation of "Chinese values" by Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive designated by Beijing to succeed the Governor, Chris Patten. He insists that Hong Kong's future administration and life must be underpinned by Chinese values.

Here is Mr Tung's list: "Trust, love and respect for our family and our elders; integrity, honesty, and loyalty to all; commitment to education; a belief in order and stability; a preference for consultation rather than confrontation." Sometimes he adds "a preference for obligation rather than individual rights." Recently, he added "Asian" values to his list: "Hard work, respect for learning, honesty, openness to new ideas, accountability, self-discipline and self-reliance." Mr Tung sees "North American" values as "freedom of expression, personal freedom, self-reliance, individual rights, hard work, personal achievement, thinking for one's self".

Copying out these two lists I became confused. Each seemed to apply both to modern Asians and Westerners all over this region.

Mr Tung is not alone in his evocation of these values. Who are the other champions of "Asian values"? Largely, authoritarian rulers in Indonesia, Burma, China and Singapore. In Asia's democracies, from India to Taiwan, Japan and South Korea, the phrase is used sparingly.

The reason is obvious: those states which fear democracy insist – like Mr Tung – on the need to keep the lid on social disrupt by doing two things: they claim their peoples traditionally prefer order and consensus, and they point to the West's lack of moral fibre as a sign that there is no lid at all.

Stability is one of Mr Tung's watchwords, although no city in Asia is more placid than Hong Kong. But Mr Tung sees instability far beyond the colony's borders. "As a Chinese man," he says, "he finds 'intolerable' the notion of Tibetan, Muslim or Taiwanese independence. He is introducing laws for Hong Kong which will forbid advocating or even doing research on such independence. This is to protect China's 'national security'."

Some Westerners, too, claim that Asians are not interested in or fit for democracy. Money interests them, they say, and a quiet public life: foreigners who confront Asian leaders on human rights make things worse. Members of American and Western chambers of commerce in Hong Kong and Beijing rarely say a public word about human rights.

But all concepts worthy of serious discussion, Asian or Chinese values fall apart. In the West one may speak – very gingerly – of an amalgam of Greek, Roman, Christian and Jewish concepts. In Asia this is impossible. What binds together the notion of Indian caste with Japanese Shinto, animism in Borneo and New Guinea, or the dozens of cultures (and languages) in the Indonesian and Philippine archipelagos? Marriages, funerals, and eating habits – forks, chopsticks, hands – vary broadly. Within China itself, where is the thread from traditional Confucianism to classical Taoism and Buddhism, let alone Islam?

Consensus rather than confrontation? How about the ancient wars between Buddhist sects in Japan and Tibet? Indonesians killed hundreds of thousands of other Indonesians in 1965, allegedly because they were "communists", but really because they were Chinese. Cambodians slaughtered on the same scale in the 1970s because their victims weren't communists. During the Cultural Revolution, in a society said to revere the old and the educated, the old and the educated were killed in large numbers and in Guangxi province even eaten. Family? Some of the great novels of Asia are about family discord.

All the same things can be said about the West. For every "Thou Shalt Not" there is a violation, including religious wars, torture and killing, and the Holocaust.

Naturally all such "values", attributed to groups or peoples, have their negative or abusive side. Asians interested only in money? That explains their corruption. How many in Britain, where sleaze is a byword, say when they read of an Asian offering a bribe: "What do you expect?" Westerners value individualism? That explains their unashamed dress, public vulgarity, and concentration on political prisoners in Third World countries struggling to feed millions of their citizens.

I value distinctions. But not at the cost of "the other". That way lies "national security". The 4th-century BC *Zuozhuan*, one of China's basic philosophical texts, says "if he is not of our race, he is sure to have a different mind". Even in modern times the names of "non-Chinese" ethnic groups have been written with complicated characters which included the ideograph for an animal. The Chinese alone, the "real" Chinese, were identified with the simple two-stroke character for human being.



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## BASTILLE DAY

Europe will reap the whirlwind France has sown

Flush with the victory he never expected, Lionel Jospin yesterday claimed that the British and French elections "raise a magnificent hope in Europe". The Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi, picked up the tune, hailing Europe's "return to the roots of the great continental tradition, where the social state is transformed but cannot be swept away". A glance at Western Europe's political landscape would seem to justify their confidence that the post-1989 discomfiture of the European Left is now history. Of the 15 countries in the European Union, 13 are now governed by or with the Left. Only in Germany and Spain are the Socialists in Opposition and in both countries, public patience with fiscal austerity and massive unemployment is fraying.

On closer inspection, this vision of socialism triumphant evaporates. There is a world of difference between the reinvention of the Left which alone made Socialist parties electable in Britain, The Netherlands or, to some extent, Sweden, and the political phenomenon which has once more returned the Left to power in France. What has occurred is a sinister radicalisation of French politics. M Jospin will move into the Hôtel Matignon today courtesy of two phenomena — the great surge of support for the only European Communist Party that has changed neither its name nor its doctrines, and which with 38 seats is already demanding its kingly flesh; and the cynical manipulation of the vote by the extreme right-wing National Front whose supporters in the urban working class engineered the Centre Right's defeat in 47 constituencies.

The singularity of the French election result does not end there. The voters were not even repudiating a Government wedded to free markets and private enterprise, because that was not what they had. Under the Juppé coalition, France was a tax-and-spend state. Tony Blair has far more in common with Baroness Thatcher than he does with President Chirac, who has old Gaullism's fondness for the strong, paternalistic state. In the modernisation stakes, France was already a laggard before it took this giant lunge backward.

## A QUESTION OF TRUST

Blair should treat his colleagues like adults

"Trust me" was Tony Blair's mantra during the election campaign. But trust is something that the Prime Minister is not too keen to extend to his Cabinet colleagues. He has circulated a memorandum to them, setting down fierce rules of engagement with the media. Pretty well everything they say, write or do will have to be cleared first with Downing Street. In his own handwriting at the bottom, Mr Blair adds: "It is essential we act on this."

The new administration's obsession with control is understandable. It wants to lay two ghosts to rest: the ghost of Labour past, which was fractious and incompetent; and the ghost of Tory past, which for the last five years has been much the same. Mr Major's colleagues may have found his collegiate style a breath of fresh air, but it encouraged leaks, faction-fighting and departmental inertia. Today's Prime Minister seems determined to avoid a repeat.

But the methods that he wants to use do seem overbearing. Ministers have been told that "it is not possible to start a debate by floating interesting ideas"; all such ideas must first be cleared with No 10. Any newspaper article or media appearance must also be passed by Downing Street, which has already set itself up as a conduit even for articles by backbenchers. This is not so much efficient communication as compulsive centralisation.

If this were merely an interim measure, to ensure that new ministers realised how much more effect their words have in Government than in Opposition, then it might be acceptable. But it looks as if Downing Street has become drunk with the success of its communication strategy during the election campaign — and that it

intends to continue to function on an election footing for a full five years.

Co-ordinating policy announcements, so that one department does not steal another's thunder, is a sensible strategy for any administration. All ministers should understand that they are part of a larger team. Treating them, though, as if they are schoolchildren is another matter. The job of, say, Home Secretary is a serious one in its own right: the incumbent is not merely a servant of the Prime Minister. While Cabinet ministers should be expected to be loyal, both to their leader and to each other, they should not be subject to the humiliation of having to log all their lunches with Downing Street and to check with the Prime Minister's press secretary before they dare to cough.

The techniques of Opposition do not translate naturally to Government. Being a minister is as much about doing as saying. And much of the talking is deliberately intended to ignite public debate. "Kite-flying" is an old and honourable method of moving policy ideas into the public domain to test their strength before they are enacted or dropped. If the debate can take place only in Downing Street, then the Government will be working within an unhealthy narrow frame of reference.

Of course, the new edict may not work for long. It may even contain the seeds of its own demise. If ministers are treated like children: bickering, sneaking on each other, and trying not to get caught. Newspapers, meanwhile, are likely to become sullenly mutinous. When Bill Clinton tried this media manipulation, it backfired disastrously. The lesson for Mr Blair is to loosen up before he suffers the same fate.

## BETWEEN TWO EVILS

Sometimes the world needs bad cops as well as good

In Sierra Leone, the Armed Forces of Nigeria, one of Africa's most appalling military regimes, are now fighting to put down an armed coup in the name of democracy. Nobody else wants the job, and it is in the interests of Sierra Leone's wretched citizens that the Nigerians succeed in restoring their elected President. But gratitude to Nigeria, of all countries, sticks in the world's gullet. Robin Cook's diplomacy of principle faces its first awkward test.

When Major Johnny Koromah was plotting his coup, he probably thought that the presence of Nigerian troops, part of a West African peacekeeping force for neighbouring Liberia, was irrelevant. He counted without the opportunism of General Sani Abacha, who saw an easy way to claim some democratic credit abroad.

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, has given the Nigerians carte blanche by declaring that neighbouring countries are right to intervene to restore order in Sierra Leone. His concern is that a promising return to democracy — leaving one fewer problem for the Commonwealth to confront at its autumn summit — has been thwarted by a criminal conspiracy. There is no doubt that

this is a choice between two evils. General Abacha is more concerned to teach upstart junior officers a lesson than to uphold the rule of law. At the Harare summit of the Organisation of African Unity, he has been telling fellow African leaders that Sierra Leone was in too much of a hurry to get back to elected government and thus brought the coup upon itself. The moral he draws is of course that Nigeria too is better off without multi-party elections.

Nigeria's intervention could backfire. The Sierra Leone coup leaders are rallying people to their side against the Nigerians and the token forces from Ghana and Guinea. The Revolutionary United Front, a vicious band of bandits that has terrorised the country for the past six years, is now posing as a patriotic force. Major Koromah appears to be no more than a front-man for the RUF. But if Nigeria fails, Sierra Leone, one of the world's poorest countries, would fall under gangster rule. Britain, America and France are telling the rebels that their coup cannot succeed. To reinforce that a weary message, they need Nigeria. That should not prevent them from insisting that the Sierra Leone goons go equally well with the Nigerian gander.

## Power of Blair's advisers at No 10

From Sir Brian Donoughue

Sir, Since I last lived in England in the early 1960s the proponents of low density suburban living have won the battle against the urbanists. As a result England's housing industry is only able to build dwellings affordable to a private sector mass market by using countryside land.

Proposed developments such as Micheldever Station in Hampshire (report, May 28) use up greenfield land at the ratio of one acre for every four dwellings. At this rate about one million acres of countryside will be converted to accommodate new households over the next 20 years.

Was Ms Cameron equally alarmed by the roles in No 10 and more widely in Whitehall during Mrs Thatcher's regime of Charles Powell — who, like his brother Jonathan, had a Foreign and Commonwealth Office background, but who, unlike Jonathan, was not even the Prime Minister's principal private secretary, as Jonathan is to become; and of Bernard Ingham, who also had a public service background but who was surely no less politically and personally committed to the Prime Minister than Alastair Campbell is likely to be, and who performed at least as political a role?

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From Lord Donoughue

Sir, Your Whitehall Editor's statement ("Political make-up of Whitehall increases", report, June 2) that "the Downing Street policy unit is customarily staffed by a mix of career civil servants and political appointees, in roughly half-and-half balance" needs qualification.

When in March 1974 Prime Minister Harold Wilson asked me to establish a new policy unit in No 10, I deliberately composed it of outside policy experts. Between 1976 and 1979 I continued that approach under James Callaghan.

We worked closely and constructively with regular civil servants in No 10 (who saw all our briefs and sometimes made shrewd suggestions for improving them), with those in the Cabinet Office and the rest of Whitehall. But it was my firm view at that time that the policy unit would contribute best to the then Prime Minister if its members shared his political dimension and priorities — and his electoral fate if together we got too much wrong. Its young members later progressed to distinction in several professional fields.

Two subsequent Prime Ministers have had the policy unit differently. That was right, since there is no single fixed mode of operation and the unit's one fixed purpose is to serve the objectives and style of the Prime Minister of the day.

Tony Blair will find the balance of composition which suits him. In today's more inclusive and less partisan climate, he could beneficially choose more widely than was appropriate in the 1970s. But it is important that the policy unit remains distinct and never becomes just another cog in the Whitehall machine.

Mr Blair is certainly right to direct the unit to longer-term policy considerations. My unit was too often totally absorbed in the short-term crises of the day.

Yours,  
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## Smokeless zone

From Mr Derek R. Poole

Sir, In taking political correctness to absurdity, should not only Brunel's cigar be removed from his portrait promoting the village of Neyland (report, May 20) but his stovepipe hat reduced in size and fitted with a solar panel?

Yours faithfully,  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Building new homes in countryside

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From Mr Malcolm Peel

Sir, Your report of the plan to build a new town at Micheldever Station throws into stark relief one of the most serious failings in transport policy of successive governments: the dichotomy between decision-making on transport and land use. In fact, the two sides of the same coin.

The proposed new town would be, as you report, "on the Southampton-London (railway) line", with easy access to the M3. Thus, the traffic it generated could be handled by public transport and the existing road system.

However, a development on the edge of an existing conurbation would impose a new conflicting web of move-

ment. Such flows inevitably increase car dependency, thus requiring enlargement of and changes to road infrastructure and parking facilities throughout the area and beyond. Traffic congestion is increased because of conflicts between new and existing flows.

The arrival of a fresh Government and the uniting (for the second time) of the Departments of Transport and the Environment must provide a desperately needed opportunity to take full account of the crucial interactions between transport and land use. Micheldever Station may be, as you imply, a test case.

Yours faithfully,

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From Admiral of the Fleet  
Sir Henry Leach

Sir, Your reports on a new town at Micheldever Station paint a sorry picture.

The direct effects of a project of this magnitude will be felt not just over the intrinsic area of the site but for ten miles in each direction. The result would be the *de facto* joining up of Winchester with Basingstoke, any gaps being legitimately infilled by subsequent speculators. Thus the gaily ribbon-development of the early 1930s would be resurrected: what a disgraceful start to the 21st century.

Where are the 10,000 or more occupants of this new town to work? Not anywhere close to their homes, since Micheldever is at the heart of prime farmland. Their work will lie in towns some distance away and that distance (countryside in this case) will become increasingly clogged with commuter traffic.

This whole retrograde venture is being pushed by a well-known company. It is to be hoped that the Secretaries of State for Heritage and the Environment will exercise their good sense to stop this shortsighted foolishness before the current machinations have gone too far.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY LEACH,  
Wiston Lea,  
Wiston, Winchester, Hampshire.  
May 29.

### Trees to mark the next millennium

From Mr Nicholas Albery

Sir, Many children and adults living in cities are remarkably ignorant about trees. A suitable millennium project (letter, May 27) to counter this ignorance would be an "A to Z" avenue of the most common trees, in an urban park or on a site readily accessible from a city, with each tree in the alphabetical order of its common name (with variants going off sideways). Trees would be labelled with their common and Latin names.

Visitors would find it easier to identify and remember trees from knowing their position in the avenue — for instance, at the start would be acacia, alder, almond, apple and ash; and at the end walnut, Wellingtonia, whitebeam, willow and yew. Depending on the space available, there could be between 35 (UK native trees) and 500 trees (including more exotic ones from around the world).

Ideally, the avenue would lead to a striking building of some kind, like the pagoda avenue at Kew Gardens, and incorporate a cafe and a multi-media tree study centre.

Such a project would take many years to reach maturity, but would become a site that every school would want to visit.

Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS ALBERY,  
20 Heber Road, NW1.  
June 1.

### Renewable energy

From Viscount Tenby

Sir, As a crossbencher I asked an unanswered question (in effect a time-limited mini-debate) in February on the impact of wind farms on the rural environment. My purpose was neither to condemn nor to promote, but to discuss the long-term implications of such structures on landscapes, of more often than not, outstanding beauty.

In addition to myself and Earl Ferrers, then Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, there were 12 other speakers, and many more who would like to have made a contribution but were deterred by the time limit of one hour.

I am accordingly heartened by the varied correspondence in your columns (May 28) and hope the matter will continue to be aired on a regular basis. No responsible person would seek to query the importance of renewable energy, but its contribution to our requirements and any impact it may have on the environment must be carefully and impartially scrutinised.

The new Government has already shown a welcome readiness to put in hand long-term reviews of major current concerns. May I suggest that the whole subject of renewable energy be added to the list.

Yours faithfully,

TENBY,  
House of Lords.  
May 29.

### From Mr T. R. H. Kimber

Sir, As Michael Hornsby's excellent report (May 20) clearly showed, wind power and the gesture politics which supported the subsidies it carried are on the point of collapse.

The principal beneficiaries of those subsidies have not been the taxpayers who paid for them. They have been our utility companies, landowners receiving rents for turbine sites, overseas turbine manufacturers and of course the wind farm operators.

Efficient renewable energy is almost as desirable as improved energy use. Whilst such aspirations are beyond reproach, wind power is not. Now is the time to pull the plug.

Yours faithfully,

TIM KIMBER,  
Newton Hall,  
Nr Carnforth, Lancashire.



## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE  
June 2: The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Fellow, the Zoological Society of London, this morning opened the new breeding facility for Asian elephants at Whipsnade Wild Animal Park and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire

(Mr Samuel Whitbread). His Royal Highness, Master, this evening attended the Trinity-Tide Dinner at Trinity House, Tower Hill, London EC3.

June 2: The Duke of York, Elder Brother, this evening attended the Trinity-Tide Dinner at Trinity House, Tower Hill, London EC3.

### Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Master, will attend the annual court meeting, church service and luncheon at Trinity House, Tower Hill at 11.25. The Duke of York, Elder Brother, will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Founder and Chairman of the International Trustee, will give a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.00 and will attend a dinner at St James' Palace at 7.45. Prince Edward, as International Trustee, will also attend the dinner.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception at the RAF Club at 6.30 to mark the club's 75th anniversary.

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-In-Chief, The Royal Signals, will visit the 14th Signal Regiment (Electronic Warfare) at Cawdor Barracks, Haverfordwest, at 10.00.

Princess Margaret will open the British Interior Design Exhibition, in aid of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People at Cambridge Gate, Regent's Park at 6.45.

The Duke of Kent, as President, the Engineering Council, will open the new regional headquarters of Halliburton Brown and Root, Hill Park, Springfield Drive, Leatherhead, at 11.45 and will open the Meadows Mental Health Unit, West Park Hospital, Epsom at 2.30.

**Luncheon**  
Rotary Club of London  
The Lord Mayor of London was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Mr Bill Cowen, president, was in the chair.

### Reception

African European Union Economic Forum

Mr Julius Nyere was the guest of honour at a reception held last night at Equator House, Warwick Square, for representatives of organisations taking part in the London launch of the Mwalimu Nyere Foundation. Mr Roger Sibley, chairman of the Africa European Union Economic Forum, and trustees of the foundation received the guests.

### Dinners

#### Inner Temple

The Treasurer, Lord Justice Stauthorn, and the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple entertained the High Sheriffs of England and Wales at dinner in the Inner Temple Hall last night.

#### Institute of Materials

Professor Anthony Kelly, President of the Institute of Materials, was in the chair at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Among the guests were Robert May, FRS.

### Today's birthdays

Dr E. Armstrong, secretary, BMA. 52: Mr P.J. Atttenborough, publisher, 61: Sir Robin Black, diplomat, 61: Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive, 63: Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, 77: the Earl of Cromer, 51: Mr Tony Curtis, actor, 72: Professor Richard D'Ach, former President, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 85: Mr Timothy David, diplomat, 50: Mr Vincent E. Davies, Indian civil servant, 94: Mr Michael Elliott, MEP, 65: Mrs Sheila Faith, former MP and MEP, 69: Professor R.N. Franklin, Vice-Chancellor, City University, 62: General Sir Michael Gow, 73:

Air Marshal Sir John Harris, 59: Professor Michael Jaffe, former director, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 74: Mrs Cynthia Lawrence, former Headmistress, Harrogate Ladies College, 64: Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, 57.

Mr Harry Pitt, FRS, former Vice-Chancellor, Reading University, 83: Miss Anita Pollack, MEP, 51: Mr Alan Resnais, film director, 75: Sir Wilfrid Thesiger, explorer and writer, 87: Miss Penelope Wilson, actress, 50: Cardinal Thomas Wining, Archbishop of Glasgow, 72.

## 1920s house was left untouched for fifty years

### Furniture, pictures, porcelain to be sold

BY JOHN SHAW

A 1920s house that has been untouched since its owner died in 1947 closed its doors for the last time yesterday before a £200,000 auction of its interiors.

Hill Crest, Mount Pleasant, Norwich, was the home of William Henry Hyde Clarke, a wealthy local shoe manufacturer. He and his wife Rosina, keen collectors, built the house between 1914 and 1920 and filled it with period art and antiques. Mr Clarke, one of the longest-serving directors of Norwich City FC, died in 1947.

His son Bill, who took over the family business before it was sold to K Shoes, kept everything just as his parents created it. He died last year, aged 91, and now the collection is being sold by Sotheby's.

Furniture, pictures, porcelain and Art Deco figures, all arranged in a series of distinctive period rooms, retain the distinctive atmosphere of the 1920s. The most expensive things are likely to be two paintings by Sir Alfred Munnings, an artist with roots in East Anglia. *Mendham Mill, Suffolk*, the painter's home, is likely to make about £50,000, and *Under Canva*, a line of horses in a gypsy encampment from 1912, is expected to fetch £30,000.

There is also an extensive group of Chinese and Japanese porcelain and furniture by Waring and Gillow.

The contents will be amalgamated with those of another house and sold at Brocksell, Northamptonshire, on June 16.

Harry Dalmeny, of Sotheby's, said: "This collection was a remarkable survival. Forty or fifty years ago it would have been dismissed as old-fashioned but now we have learnt to appreciate these things again. It is a tribute to Mr and Mrs Clarke."



A painting by Sir Alfred Munnings leaves the house where it has hung since the 1920s

### Linnean Society

The Linnean Society of London has the following awards: Linnæus Gold Medal in Buum; Dr Enrico Coen, John Innes Centre; Dr Rosemary Helen McMeekin; Bicentenary Medal for a biological understanding of the natural world; Royal Society Museum, London; KJ Smythies Prize for published botanical illustrations; Mrs Celia Gilligan Research Award; Dr H. Bloomer Award for an amateur biologist; Mr John Richard Ironside; Foreign and Commonwealth Office; Irene Mantion Prize for a PhD thesis in Ireland; Dr Colin Edward Hughes, University of Oxford.

BIRTHS: James Hunton, geologist, Edinburgh, 1726; Sydney Smith, clergyman and wit, Woodford, Essex, 1771; Richard Cobden, "Apostle of Free Trade", Heysham, Sussex, 1804; Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States in the American Civil War, Fairview, Kentucky, 1808; King George V, reigning 1910-36; Marlborough House, 1885; Raoul Dufy, painter, Le Havre, 1877; Georg von Békésy, physicist, Nobel laureate 1963; Andre Segovia, guitarist, Madrid, 1907; Robert Morley, actor, dramatist, Berkhamsted, 1902.

DEATHS: William Harvey, physician, Saffron Walden, Essex, 1657; George Bizet, composer, Bougival, France, 1875; Samuel Plimsoll, "the sailor's friend", Folkestone, 1898; Johann Strauss the Younger, composer of *The Blue Danube*, Vienna, 1899; Franz Kafka, writer, Kierling, Austria, 1924; Angelo Roncalli, Pope John XXIII 1958-63, Rome, 1963; Andre Segovia, guitarist, Madrid, 1987; Robert Morley, actor, dramatist, Berkhamsted, 1992.

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Third-class return on British Railways ended, 1956.

### Anniversaries

1961: Budapest, 1999; Josephine Baker, singer, St Louis, Missouri, 1906.

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A reception was held at the Dulwich Picture Gallery and the honeymoon will be spent in the Outer Hebrides.

Mr M.E. Farrant and Miss A.P.S. Dumas

The marriage took place on May 22 between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ron Huntsman, of Cambridge, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Leeding, of Hennerton, Henley-on-Thames.

Mr S.E. Jones and Miss K.F.Y. Barnfather

The engagement is announced between Stephen Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Leonard W. Jones, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Katherine Francesca Yarker, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Barnfather, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr E.R. Peel and Miss C.C.M. Turquet

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Peel, of Tolleshurst, D'Arcy, Essex, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Mr Andrew Turquet, of Wellington, New Zealand, and Mrs Susan Turquet, of Holland Park, London.

Mr G.W.A. Watson and Miss R.C. Nichols

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr Lindsay Watson and Mrs Catherine Watson of Edinburgh, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr Robert Nichols, of Falkirk, and Mrs Patricia Essex of Hampshire.

### University news

Oxford

Václav Havel, President of the Czech Republic, has been nominated to receive the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law by Diploma from the university. Degrees by Diploma are conferred only on heads of state and members of royal families. The award is subject to approval by Congregation, the university's "Parliament of Dons" on June 17.

### Latest wills

Beatrice June Bradley, of Clayton le Dale, Blackburn, Lancashire, left estate valued at £2,691,327 net. James Brown Pond, of Mythe, Camberley, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,414,744 net.

Joseph Gibson, retired textile engineer, of Carnforth, Lancashire, left estate valued at £1,595,772 net. He left £1,000 to St Bartholomew's Church, Barbon, Cumbria.

William Goodfellow, of London NW, left estate valued at £1,444,051 net.

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### PERSONAL COLUMN

#### BIRTHS

#### DEATHS

LESLIE - On May 23rd, to Tracey (née Cook) and Mark, a wonderful son, Andrew Michael Trevor.

LINDSTRUM - On May 28th, to Sophie (née Farrow) and Marco, a son, Thomas Ferdinand Alex.

MCNAUL - On May 29th, to Dimitri and Fabienne, a daughter, Léa.

MCNAUL - On May 29th, to Sarah (née Lamm) and Carl, a son, Charlotte, Lucy, a sister, a sister for Emily and Sam.

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## MANFRED VON ARDENNE

Manfred von Ardenne, German scientist and inventor, died on May 26 aged 90. He was born on January 20, 1907.

**M**anfred von Ardenne was a scientific prodigy whose work ranged from radio and television technology to nuclear physics and cancer research. Whatever the field, in more than seventy years of prolific experiment he showed an intuitive genius for spotting and exploiting the value of new discoveries and inventions. He was the author of more than 700 publications, among them some 30 books, and had at least 600 different patents to his name. He worked successively for Hitler and for Stalin, and in Communist East Germany he became a millionaire.

Manfred Baron von Ardenne was born in Hamburg into an upper-class family of officers and senior government officials (the barony was mid-19th-century and Belgian). The life of his grandmother, Elisabeth Edle und Freiin von Pllotho, is said to have been the inspiration for Theodor Fontane's great novel of 19th-century German bourgeois life, *Elli Briesi*.

The family moved to Berlin when Ardenne's father was transferred to the war ministry there. Ardenne, who as a boy amused himself by building cameras and alarm systems, was no great success at school and left early to pursue his technical interests in an engineering workshop.

At the age of 16 he registered his first scientific discovery — a radio component taken up by the manufacturer Siegmund Loewe, who used it to build a radio receiver in 1926. He went on to read physics, mathematics and chemistry at the University of Berlin, but after two years abandoned his formal studies. At the age of 21, he founded his own institute and taught himself.

Supported by his family wealth, in the early 1930s he did pioneering research that resulted in such developments as an electronic television set,



a high-definition electron microscope and medical diagnostic equipment. During the Second World War he was employed by the Nazis to work on radar technology, and in an underground laboratory in Berlin did research into mass spectrography and developed a cyclotron for use in atomic experiments. He was dismissive of Hitler: "He knew nothing about technology."

After the war, with other former Nazi scientists, Ardenne worked on the Soviet atomic weapons project at a secret research institute on the Black Sea. He developed a process for splitting isotopes to create highly enriched uranium 235, thereby enabling the Soviet Union to create a nuclear bomb. He later described his work as "our contribution to atomic peace".

arguing that the Soviet bomb brought parity to the arms race and so averted mutual destruction.

In 1955, helped financially by the award of the Stalin Prize, he established his own research institute in Dresden: with a workforce of 500, it became the largest private employer in the German Democratic Republic. East Germans nicknamed him "the Red Baron", and his work enabled the GDR to withstand trade embargoes, and to secure much-needed hard currency through the sale of patents to the United States and Japan. He played an active part in the development of East German scientific policy.

Increasingly, however, Ardenne turned his attention to medical research. "After working on the atomic bomb, it was good to do something humane," he said. From the 1960s he developed a range of controversial cancer treatment techniques, which involved heating a patient's body to high temperatures and adding oxygen and sugar to the bloodstream. Results were not wholly predictable.

Never a member of the Communist Party (nor of the Nazi Party before it), Ardenne nevertheless enjoyed great privilege and prestige in the GDR, including freedom to travel to the West and a private villa overlooking the Elbe. In 1963 he became a member of the country's nominal supreme body, the Volkskammer, and as late as November 1989 he was outlining to his colleagues there a number of proposals to improve the efficiency of the East German economy, a process he described as the "last chance for a humane, worthy and attractive socialism".

It was also the last chance for Ardenne's institute. As East German firms went bankrupt and trade within Eastern Europe collapsed, its earnings dropped from 190 million to 10 million marks. Threatened with ruin by the removal of its state subsidies after German reunification in 1990, and forced to sack half its workforce, the institute was eventually divided into three parts, one of which, the Von Ardenne Institute for Applied Medical Research, the founder continued to run until his death.

Manfred von Ardenne's first marriage ended in divorce. He is survived by his second wife Bettina, whom he married in 1958, and by a daughter and three sons, one of whom now takes over the institute.

## DOM AELRED SQUIRE

Dom Aelred Squire, monk and patristic scholar, died at the New Camaldoli Hermitage, California, on May 1, aged 75. He was born in London on December 6, 1921.

I CAN confidently place the awakening of my "feeling" for monastic life to around the age of eight," wrote Dom Aelred Squire, "when my family moved to a place on the south coast of England not far from the ruins of Prinewell Priory. I spent many afternoons sitting in these ruins and they taught me something which I would not have known how to put into words."

In his books and articles he found the necessary words, and skilfully mediated the Church's classical tradition to a variety of audiences. Yet his own quest for the hermit's solitude was repeatedly compromised by the tendency of relatives to become theological tourist attractions.

Aelred Squire was born Kenneth Squire and baptised in the Church of England. As a schoolboy he loved Latin and reading an old sacramentary and other texts of the medieval and early Church. He was attracted to Roman Catholicism, and took instruction from Father Conrad Pepler, OP, who received him into the Church in 1943. He started thinking of a monastic vocation and visited Prinknash Abbey, where the guestmaster was Father Bede Griffiths (who was himself later to join the Camaldolese).

Monastic studies nurtured his continuing desire for a more solitary life, so in 1965 Aelred withdrew to live as a hermit in Liège, under the local bishop. However, his very remoteness began to attract the attention of more and more visitors.

Back in England once more for research, he completed his own first book, *Acted of Rivalry* (1969), a ground-breaking work on "the English St Bernard" and a significant contribution to the study of spiritual friendship. He now got to know some Norwegian Catholics, who invited him to their own country, with its possibilities for greater solitude. So for some eight years from 1972 he lived a semi-eremitical life in the diocese of Lillehammer, while serving as mission priest, driving from farm to farm to baptise, preach and celebrate the Eucharist.

Ordained in 1952, he wrote his thesis on St Anselm and received his lectures in sacred theology in 1954. He then enrolled at Oxford University,

isolated in season. Balancing the active with the contemplative life was always difficult, and Aelred relished a hectic, gregarious spell at the St Catherine's Dominican Convent in Portobello Road.

His second book, *Asking the Fathers* (1973), is an introduction to Christian spirituality through the centuries, and helped many to discover a love of patristic theology.

A seminar on St Aelred at Gethsemani Abbey in 1975 took him to America, where he first heard of a little Benedictine monastery in New Mexico. Christ in the Desert. Back in Norway he wrote his most developed literary work, *Summer in the Seed* (1980), a theological reflection on the cultural situation after Vatican II, but he continued to feel drawn specifically to the monastic life, and in 1980 he moved to the fastness of New Mexico to test his vocation.

From here he wrote to friends of life without electricity and of coyotes howling in the night, but still he yearned for a more eremitical life. In December 1983 he moved to the new Camaldoli Hermitage, Big Sur, California. The Camaldolese combination of solitude and community, he wrote, seemed to have brought "all the broken pieces" of his life together.

He lived at the hermitage until his death, editing his anthology *Fathers Talking* (1986) and teaching young monks. He also ministered as homilist, confessor and spiritual director to the community and to many oblates, retreatants and friends, who would come from afar. He tended the community garden with gusto, appreciating the physical labour as a complement to his monastic studies.

He wrote many articles, and participated in patristic conferences at Oxford, Berkeley and elsewhere. He regularly visited the Camaldolese houses of studies in Berkeley for his research, and ministered there to many. He was beloved by his community and by his many outside friends for his warmth, his spiritual wisdom and his bemused views on matters ecclesiastical and monastic.

## RICHARD CAWS



Richard Caws, CVO, CBE, chartered surveyor and Crown Estate Commissioner, 1971-96, died from cancer on May 13 aged 70. He was born on March 9, 1927.

**RICHARD CAWS**, widely known as Dick, was a most distinguished chartered surveyor who enjoyed a career of more than fifty years, spanning private practice and public service and involving work both in the United Kingdom and overseas. The profession of the land will miss not only his presence but his expert guidance.

Richard Byron Caws was the son of Maxwell and Edith Caws of Ealing, west London. He was educated in wartime London and enrolled in 1944 as an articled pupil to George Page, of Nightingale Page & Bennett of Kingston upon Thames. At the same time he started studying for his exams at the College of Estate Management. He was an excellent student and quickly became an accomplished practitioner. Remarkably, when he passed his finals in 1949, he was immediately made a partner.

The Crown Estate was only one of a number of jobs which he took in his stride as one of the most accomplished surveyors of his generation. He was always keen to take on new and different things and constantly aimed at making good use of his expertise and agile mind.

He had been a consultant to the Stock Exchange quotations department on property matters, surveyor to the Honourable Society of Lincoln's

In 1969-74; surveyor to the Worshipful Company of Salters 1976-89; member of the Commission for New Towns 1976-96; senior property adviser to Goldman Sachs 1987-93; and senior property adviser to the BZW Property Advisory Group 1993-97.

He retired from his main public post only last year after a quarter of a century as one of Her Majesty's Crown Estate Commissioners, an appointment which he had held since 1971 and which he relished enormously. The great diversity of the Crown's holdings interested him. Although he was appointed as an "urban" Commissioner, he especially loved that part of his work which involved the Scottish salmon fisheries and other marine matters.

He had a great affinity with the sea and was an avid sailor, but had too little time to indulge this or his other hobbies as much as he would have liked, because of his enduring enthusiasm and love for his work. As a younger man he went in for rallying and then took up flying, but his speed of thought and action was not always appreciated by his partners when he involved them in these two pursuits.

About his work for the Crown Estate he is supposed to have said a year or two ago:

"Don't tell the Queen, but I

would gladly do this job for

nothing — it's such fun."

Nevertheless, his service was

not only compensated but

recognised with his appointment as CBE in 1984 and CVO

in the New Year Honours. Caws always saw it as his duty to put his expertise to good use and to demonstrate why it was that surveyors should be consulted on matters commercial and relating to the land. He was a fervent generalist. He was worried that surveyors were too narrow, too confined and too linear in their thinking. He was a lateral thinker and always sought ways of meeting a problem with a positive suggestion as to how to overcome it.

All through his career he played a major part in the life of the Royal Institutions of Chartered Surveyors and its international associate, the Fédération Internationale de Géomètres.

In his later years he had reverted to being chairman of a small chartered surveying practice which he co-founded in 1997, following a long career which had led him from his beginnings in Kingston to being senior partner of one of the major international chartered surveying practices, Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks. He was a non-executive director of Allied London Properties from 1995 to his death, served as an active member of the council of Queen's College, Harley Street, and as a director of the British & International Sailors' Society.

He married Fiona Darling in 1947, the year before he took his finals. She survives him, together with a son and a daughter. His elder daughter, Genevieve (Jenny) Caws, QC, died in April and he was also predeceased by an infant son.

## THE QUEEN AND A CONSUMPTIVE PATIENT

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Victoria, yesterday afternoon paid a visit to St Luke's House, 14, Pimbridge-square, Brixton, and spent half an hour with the patients. Her Majesty was attended by the Hon. Charlotte Knollys and Shirley Greville.

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## NEWS

## Lottery chiefs told to scrap bonus

■ Camelot directors were told yesterday that they must surrender pay rises and bonuses worth nearly £3 million to charity.

Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, rejected the Lottery company chairman's offer to match the pay rises with a donation to charity from Camelot profits. He described the gesture as a "sideshow".

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## Blair promises work, not welfare

■ Tony Blair declared that there would be no option of a life on benefit under Labour as he called on the community to join the Government in a crusade to help Britain's poorest people. The Prime Minister went to a run-down housing estate in south London and promised that there would be no "forgotten people" in the Britain he wanted to build.

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## Halifax offers world

Hardly were their shares afloat than they were planning to sail off into the sunset. Thousands who received a windfall from the Halifax will spend it on holidays abroad.

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## Jospin takes over

Lionel Jospin, the leader of France's triumphant Socialist Party, was asked to form Government by his ideological rival, President Chirac.

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Blair tightens grip

Tony Blair has ordered a review of the rules and protocol for ministers in a further attempt to tighten control over his Government.

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## Kray 'has-been'

Charlie Kray, the elder brother of the Kray twins, has become a "pathetic old has-been", cashing in on the family name, a jury was told.

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## Model production

The British production of Ibsen's *A Doll's House* has been garlanded on Broadway with four Tony Awards, including best actress for Janet McTeer.

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## 'Unequal' employer

The Commission for Racial Equality systematically discriminated against Asian staff and blocked the promotion of a well-qualified Asian lawyer for racial reasons, an industrial tribunal was told.

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## Price of justice

Solicitors' leaders in England and Wales will vote this week on whether to scrap the mandatory minimum salaries that law firms must pay trainees.

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## Unsafe haven

The Earth Centre, a £125 million conservation project in Yorkshire, has been accused of destroying the very kind of wildlife habitat it was set up to protect.

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## Minimum pay risk

George Bain, the new head of the Low Pay Commission, embarrassed the Government after conceding that the national minimum wage could result in job losses.

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## Freetown under fire

Fighting swept through Freetown after Nigerian ships opened up a dawn bombardment in an attempt to topple the coup leaders in Sierra Leone.

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## Murder rate slumps

The murder rate in the United States dropped by a record 11 per cent last year and violent crime overall plummeted by 7 per cent, the largest decline since the Government first took stock 37 years ago.

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## Husband's anger

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, railed at the media after fresh reports of his wife Sara's domineering behaviour.

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## £100,000 sacrificed to burning rage

■ A man burnt £100,000 in his back garden after withdrawing it from a joint account he shared with his former wife, a court was told. Raymond Orton said the money was intended to provide him and his wife, Brenda, with a comfortable retirement. When the marriage ended he became depressed and decided to dispose of it.

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Dresses belonging to Diana, Princess of Wales have gone on show in London before being flown to New York for auction. Page 3

## BUSINESS

Co-op: Shares in Lanica Trust, the investment vehicle of the failed Co-op bidder Andrew Regan, are unlikely to begin trading again for several months.

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Sears: Liam Strong, who resigned as the chief executive of Sears in April, stands to receive extra compensation if he fails to secure equivalent employment within nine months.

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Ronson: Howard Hodgson, the flamboyant former funeral director, and Christine Pickles, his girlfriend, resigned from the lighterman Ronson.

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Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 59.5 to close at 4562.8. Sterling rose from 99.3 to 99.8 after a fall from \$1.6735 to \$1.6624 but a rise from DM2.7913 to DM2.8184.

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## ARTS

Cricket: Derbyshire beat the Australians by one wicket with three balls to spare in their final match before the first Test. Shane Warne took seven wickets for 103.

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Football: Lee Clark, who has joined Sunderland from Newcastle, was added to the England squad for the Tournoi de France to replace Nicky Butt, who has a hamstring injury.

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Rugby union: The British Isles forwards spent much time working on their scrummaging after struggling in that area against Western Province.

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Tennis: Michael Chang, the No 2 seed, was beaten by Sergi Bruguera in the last 16 of the French Open. Only two seeds remain in the men's singles.

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Feathers fly: In a lively adaptation by Stephen Greenhorn, *The Birds*, Aristophanes's play about the use and abuse of democracy, becomes a Glaswegian comedy.

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Artist's anger: The biggest splash at a crumpled Royal Academy Summer Exhibition is made by R.B. Kitaj's howl of rage over the death of his wife, aimed squarely at the critics.

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East wind: On the eve of his British debut Chen Yi-fu, China's greatest living artist, talks about the long road to fame.

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Not tonight: Who says we are all ready to join a sexual free-for-all?

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Bittersweet: Running a country pub is one of the great fantasies for urbanites. But rural life is not always idyllic.

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Preview: Pigs may not fly but they can work computers. QED (BBC, 10pm) Review: Joe Joseph on the delights and hazards of country living.

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## Bastille day

This round of cohabitation between President and Government will be war to the death and will create havoc in the Franco-German marriage.

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## A question of trust

If ministers are treated like children, they will be tempted to behave like children: bickering, sneaking on each other, and trying not to get caught.

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## Between two evils

Gratitude in Nigeria, of all countries, sticks in the world's gutter. Nothing could give a clearer example of the pitfalls of putting Robin Cook's diplomacy of principle into practice.

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## LIBBY PURVES

The trouble with Irish elections is that comment on this side of the water invariably turns to the question of how it will affect the peace process to the north of them. But Ireland's leaders will have more domestic matters on their minds.

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All the fuss about Tony Blair polarising Whitehall misses the point. The really novel feature is how many non-political appointments the Blair Government has made, tapping a pool of experience and talent outside the conventional political world.

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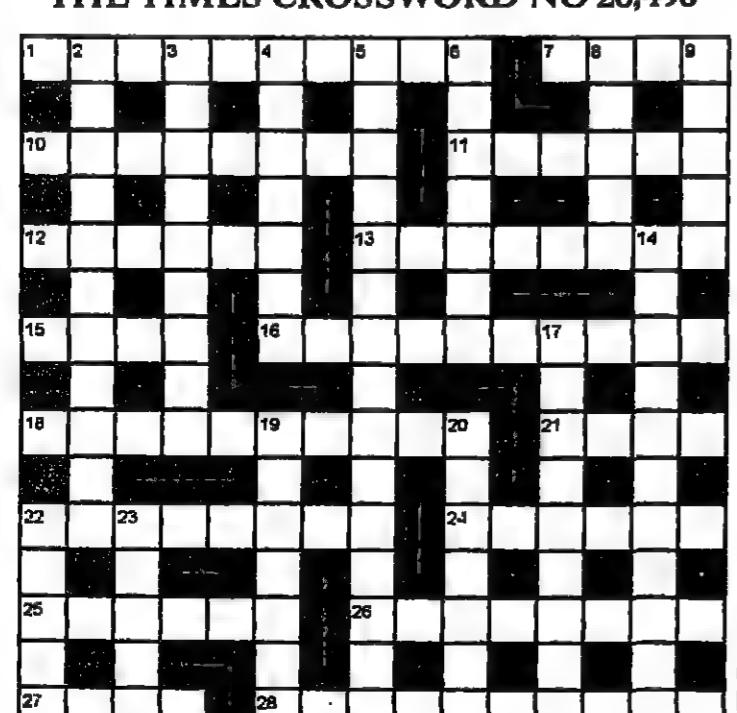
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## Pension firms face pressure for fairer service

By NATHAN YATES

THE pensions industry is on the brink of radical overhaul and private pension holders must be offered a fairer and cheaper service, the Government said yesterday.

Speaking to pension company representatives and TUC delegates, John Denham, the Pensions Minister, delivered a thinly veiled threat that pension providers will be expected to sharpen their services and cut their charges as the Government welfare review gets under

way. "There is a deep and widespread sense that the system at the moment is not working," he said. "People who do not have an occupational pension are being hit by high charges and inflexible products. We will be addressing this issue, and pension companies should be looking now at a higher quality of provision."

The move reflects concern that the proposed "stakeholder" pension, which will foster an extensive growth in private schemes, could flounder in excess profits for providers. Mr Denham cited one example in which a

customer faced charges devouring 30 per cent of his pension fund. He also pledged that the trend for employers to replace final salary pensions with defined contribution schemes will be closely monitored. Because they guarantee the sum paid into a fund rather than that paid out, defined contribution schemes transfer the risks and possible extra costs of pension provision from employer to employee.

A report by Gissings, the actuarial group, last week found that 37 per cent of companies now offer pensions on a defined contribution

basis. Mr Denham stressed that the Government's plans for widening participation in second-tier private pensions are not intended to undermine final salary schemes. Instead the aim is to assist the 50 per cent of workers who have no access to occupational pensions. "We want everyone to be able to look forward to a comfortable and dignified retirement," he said.

In a reversal of old Labour union policy, a TUC spokesman welcomed the move towards stakeholder pensions, but said care must be taken to avoid another mis-selling scandal.

## Brussels to press for new curbs on closures

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRUSSELS is proposing that new limits on the ability of companies to close their plants be put to employers and union leaders.

The proposals, endorsed by the European Union, are to be presented within days. They will require companies considering major plant closures to first go through new conciliation procedures.

Under European law, EU member states except Britain are already required to put large-scale restructuring proposals through consultative mechanisms with employees by means of European works councils. Britain's social chapter up-oot, which the Government has pledged to end,

means that the UK is not covered by the works council legislation, though many British firms have implemented it successfully.

However, new measures are being introduced after the large-scale row which broke out when Renault, the French carmaker, announced plans to close its Belgian factory at Vilvoorde. Renault's move, which will mean the loss of at least 3,000 jobs directly, led to widespread protests and strikes, plus two legal judgements against the company.

Commission officials feared that Ford was about to follow suit in the UK when it announced the closure of its plant at Halewood, on Merseyside, though a deal was eventually agreed to save the factory.

Employment ministers from all EU member states have been drawing up proposals to try to stave off similar moves by other firms, and details of the plans will be put to employers and employees' meetings this week.

Under the terms of the proposals, companies planning major closures will be pressed to first seek conciliation, where an independent outsider will examine alternatives to closure, and then to mediation, where the mediator will propose a solution.

Full details of the proposals will on Friday be put to Unice, the Europe-wide employers' body, and to unions in the European TUC. Jacques Santer, the European Commission president, wants both of the so-called social partners to consider progress on European initiatives on part-time working, but the proposals for a new code on plant closures are to be put to them as well.

Ad Melkert, the Dutch social affairs minister, said: "The European Commission is investigating whether there is a need for a mediation and conciliation mechanism. Employers and employees alike would then be able to call on such regulations to facilitate solutions for trans-national labour conflicts."

Ministers and Commission officials are predicting that the new proposals will be carried by employment ministers from all EU member states when they meet later this month in the EU social affairs council.

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Henry Roberts, chief executive of Northumbrian Fine Foods, reported a 25 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.13 million in the year to March 31. The total dividend is lifted 50 per cent to 0.15p a share, payable from earnings that rose 25 per cent to 1.84p.

## Tradepoint plea for additional finances

By ADAM JONES

TRADEPOINT, the electronic market set up as an order-driven rival to the London Stock Exchange, is asking shareholders for more money as it struggles to meet its break-even target.

The company has been incurring £6 million-a-year running costs, much of it staff-related, while it tries to woo a viable number of deals away from the Stock Exchange.

Tradepoint, which opened its exchange in 1995, set a target of breaking even on an operational basis by the end of 1997.

Yesterday it said that it needs to handle £50 million of equity trades a day to do so.

However, in the three months to March 31, 1997, it managed an average of just £3.43 million, indicating that traded value must increase by nearly 15 times for it to break even this year.

In the nine months to the end of 1996, Tradepoint lost £4.4 million, taking its accumulated losses to £16.5 million. Yesterday it said in a statement: "The company has, through its broker Williams de Broe, entered into an interim financing arrangement and is pursuing detailed negotiations to secure long-term financing." It did not say how much it was raising.

A confidential letter sent to ICE Securities by Ian Brown of the investigations department at the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the regulator for brokers and futures dealers, said the watchdog had decided "that there are no grounds upon which any disciplinary proceedings should be taken against ICE Securities in respect of the investigation". ICE, and Fibra Nordic, also

## Regulator clears ICE Securities

By ROBERT MILLER

ONE of the security firms at the centre of the investigation into Peter Young's dealings at Morgan Grenfell's unit trust portfolios managed by Mr Young, who is the subject of a Serious Fraud Office inquiry, and Stuart Armer.

The SFA letter added: "As you are aware, tape recordings of telephone conversations between Peter Young, Stuart Armer and third parties are still in the process of being examined. This process is expected to take some time." The SFA said further action could be taken against ICE but this is thought unlikely.

## Levitt fails to block extradition warrant

By JON ASHWORTH

ROGER LEVITT, the disgraced financial adviser, has failed in a final attempt to block his extradition from America to face charges of lying to Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) inspectors.

Mr Levitt, formerly of St John's Wood, north London, was accused of acting as a director of International Boxing

Corporation (IBC) in breach of a seven-year ban imposed in 1993. When he failed to attend court in December to answer that charge, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

In March, the DTI said it would seek Mr Levitt's extradition from America on an alternative charge of furnishing false information to DTI

inspectors during the inquiry into IBC. Lawyers acting for Mr Levitt were seeking to block the issue of an extradition warrant at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court in London. Timothy Workman, the stipendiary magistrate, rejected an application for leave to cross-examine DTI witnesses on sworn depositions, saying he was making no ruling on the validity of the evidence.

Four men are due at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court on Friday to answer charges relating to Mr Levitt's alleged involvement with IBC. They include Michael Jacobs, an IBC director, who is accused of aiding and abetting Mr Levitt to breach his disqualification.

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### France backs Stena merger with P&O

THE French Government has approved the merger of the cross-Channel ferry operations of Stena Line and P&O, according to Stena's head office in Stockholm. The two companies were informed of the decision in a letter from the French Ministry of Finance and External Trade in one of its last acts before the change of government. It said the move "will allow rationalisation of the current overcapacity of cross-Channel maritime services, as well as the modernisation of the fleet and the commercial services on board".

Ferry companies have come under strong competitive pressure from the railways since the opening of the Channel Tunnel. In a statement the companies said they welcomed the decision and highlighted a passage in a letter that said the transaction did not limit trade. The merger has yet to be approved by the European Commission and the UK Office of Fair Trading. The companies said they expected both bodies to make their decisions known shortly.

### Jobs boost for Belfast

MORE than 300 new jobs will be created in Belfast with the establishment of a software development centre. Information Management Resources, a Florida-based company, expects the jobs to be created over the next three years. Adam Ingram, Northern Ireland Minister, said: "Software is developing into one of Northern Ireland's most significant sunrise industries and employs 2,500 people in 40 companies. IMR will make a £2.8 million capital investment; government incentives of £1.9 million have been granted.

### BNFL-Ukraine talks

UKRAINIAN officials are this week holding meetings with BNFL as the state-owned nuclear processing company bids for a £50 million contract to store fuel from Chernobyl's reactors. The interim storage solution would comprise building a dry spent-fuel storage system in the Ukraine using BNFL design and technical expertise. BNFL is hopeful that other work could come from a Chernobyl contract. As the Ukraine no longer depends on the Soviet Union for nuclear fuel cycle services, it is looking to the West for other work.

### South Staffs advances

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE WATER said it had had no indication from the Government that it would have to pay the windfall tax. Despite being a regulated monopoly, the small water company will escape if Labour applies the levy to privatised companies only, some of which are campaigning for the entire industry to face the tax. South Staffs said pre-tax profit rose 14 per cent to £18 million for the year to March 31. A final dividend of 60p, due on August 1, makes a total of 88p, up 14.3 per cent.

### SDX surges by 44%

SDX BUSINESS SYSTEMS, the digital business communications group that was floated in December 1996, revealed a maiden interim £1.86 million pre-tax profit, a rise of 44 per cent on the previous first half. Sales rose 42.2 per cent to £20.7 million. Earnings rose 26.8 per cent to 3.0p out of which a maiden dividend of 0.8p has been declared. Maurice Pinto, the chairman, said that the group will launch its managed network services business during the summer.

### Industrial advances

ABI LEISURE, the caravan-maker, raised pre-tax profits 2.7 per cent to £1.9 million for the six months to February 28 on sales up 4.7 per cent to £44.8 million. Earnings rose 3.6 per cent on the previous first half. Sales rose 42.2 per cent to £20.7 million. Earnings rose 26.8 per cent to 3.0p out of which a maiden dividend of 0.8p has been declared. Maurice Pinto, the chairman, said that the group will launch its managed network services business during the summer.

### Wyndham at £8.5m

WYNDHAM PRESS GROUP, the Sussex specialist printer, made pre-tax profits of £8.5 million (£5.1 million) in the year to March 31, helped by maiden contributions from acquisitions and underlying growth. Operating profits rose to £8.5 million from £5.4 million, with a £2.3 million contribution from new businesses. Earnings rose to 17.1p a share from 12.5p. A final dividend of 3.2p a share (2.7p), makes 5.1p (4.3p). The shares rose 6.2p to 21.1p.

### European Telecom up

EUROPEAN TELECOM, the mobile phone distributor, reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £4.84 million from £2.44 million for the year to March 31. Earnings rose to 10.8p from 6.55p and the company is paying a final dividend of 1.75p a share, making a total of 2.5p for its first full year on the stock market. Turnover advanced to £144 million, from £78 million. European Telecom has mushroomed to become market leader in UK mobile phone distribution in just seven years.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sales	Bank Buys	Bank Sales
Australia \$	2.25	2.35	0.681	0.695
Austria Sch	20.74	19.19	3.048	3.048
Belgium Fr	81.12	56.48	2.18	2.20
Bulgaria L	2.25	2.18	1.137	1.137
Cyprus Cyp	0.879	0.879	0.773	0.773
Denmark Kr	11.27	10.48	5.18	5.18
Finland Mkr	0.89	0.89	9.20	12.43
Germany Dm	2.97	2.97	2.38	2.38
Greece Dr	4.74	4.37	1.25	1.25
Hong Kong \$	13.37	12.24	1.598	1.598
Iceland Kr	1.27	1.27	0.22	0.22
Ireland P	1.14	1.06	0.22	0.22
Israel Shk	5.88	5.88	2.72	2.72
Italy Lira	2955	2713	167.70	167.70
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STOCK MARKET

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# Rush for Halifax shares gives boost to turnover



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**TURNOVER** on the London stock market soared to its highest level so far this year, swelled by the rush for shares in Halifax on its debut. By the close of business last night 1.28 billion shares had changed hands, of which the Halifax accounted for more than half.

The first Halifax auction for institutional investors attracted an average bid of 732½p and was eventually struck at 721p. But at the start of official dealings the price opened at 770p — its high for the day — in spite of Friday's warning from Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, that the shares were overvalued.

But the price was unable to hold its best levels and closed at 734½p, a premium of 13½p. That produces an average windfall for the members of £2.70.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market was making heavy weather of it, although prices did close above their worst levels of the day in spite of opening falls on Wall Street. Victory for the Left in the French elections and revived fears about another rise in interest rates after the May National Association of Purchasing Managers' survey added to the gloom. But it was the sharp fall among other banking shares that did most of the damage.

The FTSE 100 index gave up an early 24-point lead and, at one stage, was almost 72 points lower. It eventually closed 53.5 points down at 4,562.8 with another long list of ex-dividends accounting for five points of the loss.

**Gallagher**, last week's new entry, slid 3p to 372½p. This was in spite of the efforts of members of the Gallagher board who were busily picking up stock. Four of them picked up a total of 163,000 at prices around the 275p mark. But American investors remain net sellers and British institutions are happy to buy the shares at the lower levels. A total of 14.0 million shares had traded by the close.

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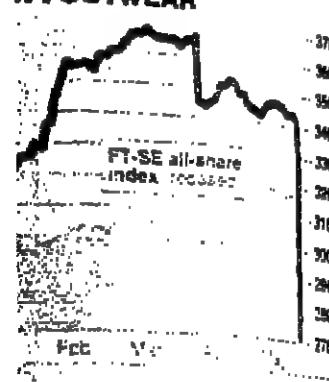
his mortgage bank. The closing price suggests a valuation somewhat higher than its fundamental value. There are more than a few challenges, however. The wider question is whether the market is losing altitude quickly as competition for viewer intensities. Four years ago, ITV's share of total television advertising revenue was 74 per cent. Last year, it fell to 69 per cent and it is expected to dip to 55 per cent by 2003. Channel 4's share is also plummeting.

The winners are the new competitors. After a rocky start this year, the advertising share of Channel 5, the country's last free-to-air terrestrial broadcaster, is expected to almost treble to 8.4 per cent by 2003. The satellite broadcasters, dominated by BSkyB, which plans to offer 200 digital channels next year and is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, will probably control 17 per cent of the TV advertising market, up from 7 per cent last year.

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**A**s an unusually cheerful Lionel Jospin accepted his nomination as French Prime Minister yesterday, the markets responded with plenty to the Left's victory in France's parliamentary election.

The shock that greeted the Socialists' unforeseen triumph in the first round of the election on May 25 has given way to questions over the future of French industry.

M Jospin says the wide-ranging privatisation programme envisaged by President Chirac's centre-right coalition will be scrapped.

France Telecom, Thomson-CSF, the new group that will be formed from the merger of Dassault and Aérospatiale, and Air France are among the companies whose sale into the private sector has been stopped by the election result.

But traders say the fate of these firms remains undecided. Torn between ideology and pragmatism, the Socialists could either return to their dirigiste traditions or recognise the need to modernise French business, analysts say.

In the short term, M Jospin will cancel planned sell-offs as he underlines France's swing to the left. Yet in the medium term, some traders believe he might end up accepting the full or partial privatisation of state-owned groups. Others point out that he will be unable to govern without the support of the unreconstructed French communists, who are resolutely opposed to any form of privatisation.

The reaction of French stock traders illustrated the uncertainty generated by Sunday's result. "No one really knows what to think about this," said a trader. "The stock exchange is not happy but it's not too worse. We are waiting to see whether M Jospin gives important Cabinet posts to the Communists and what his programme for government



France Telecom employees, who demonstrated against privatisation, will have been cheered by the election result

will be." This sort of pragmatism was not in evidence, however, at those companies earmarked for privatisation, and notably Thomson-CSF, the defence electronics group whose share price plummeted yesterday.

M Jospin says he wants to maintain "public control over the defence industry", effectively ruling out the planned sale of Thomson-CSF to either Alcatel Alsthom or the Lagadère Group.

Both British Aerospace, which backed Lagadère's bid with £300m, and GEC, which planned to combine its defence electronics business with who-ever took control of Thomson-CSF, will need to rethink their European strategies.

Bae will be affected by M Jospin's refusal to contemplate the privatisation of the new Dassault-Aérospatiale group. The sell-off would have paved the way for changes at Europe's Airbus consortium, in which Bae and Aérospatiale are partners.

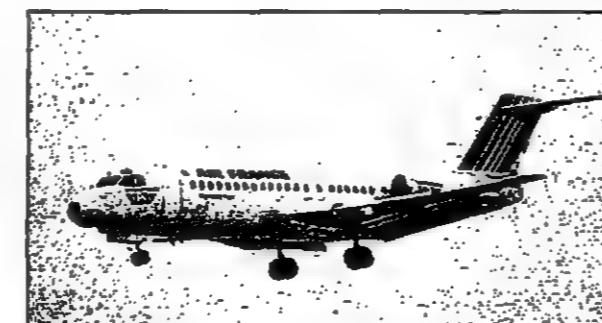
The sale is likely to be halted, and plans to overhaul the French defence industry could unravel. Serge Dassault, the chairman of Dassault, had accepted the merger on condition that Aérospatiale would be sold into the private sector.

Now, he will be tempted to turn his back on the shake-up. For Airbus, the electoral sea change comes at the worst possible time.

The details of the conversion to a single corporate entity are currently being hammered out. France has been fighting a rearguard action against its British and German partners

of competing with Boeing, its main US rival.

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Air France proposals for a sell-off have been grounded

to keep the French Airbus factories in French hands.

The new Socialist Government is likely to support this initiative even more vigorously than its predecessor, not least because French jobs are on the line.

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tin, the US defence group and Boeing's opponent, would only be too happy to formalise its existing European ties.

A lot of lobbying will also have to be done by GEC. Its independent bid for Thomson-CSF earlier this year cannot have made it very popular in France. The bid was briskly rejected. But GEC has some

experience of dealing with French Socialist leaders.

Industry insiders bravely maintain that nothing is lost yet. Talk is of "flying holding patterns". They suggest that the new Government will be just as keen as the last to fill its coffers with easy privatisation cash – not least to stay within the Maastricht criteria for budget deficits.

And indeed, behind M Jospin's apparent intransigence, Socialist leaders have tempered their hostility to the private sector. In an interview last month, François Hollande, the Socialists' spokesman, spoke of the need for pragmatism and suggested some privatisations may go ahead.

Thomson's troubled consumer electronics arm, Thomson Multimedia, for example, might be sold off if a buyer can be found. Socialist leaders indicate. Some Socialists have also hinted they may accept the stock exchange flotation of a minority stake in Thomson-CSF.

Similar clouds hang over the future of France Telecom and Air France. M Jospin says he will stop this month's planned sale of France Telecom and the privatisation of the state-owned airline next

Off the record, however, some say the Government will envisage the sale of "companies in competitive sectors where there is no national interest". In other words, Crédit Lyonnais and GAN may yet be sold.

Much will depend on the three different power struggles that will ensue in the coming months. Firstly, the Socialists will need to decide whether policy is determined by the party's pragmatists, who are keen to emulate Tony Blair, or by its leftwingers. Then, M Jospin will need to determine his relationship with Robert Hue, the Communist leader, whose policies would scupper industrial reform.

Finally, the Socialist leader will be involved in a private scrap with M Chirac, who is determined to oversee French participation in the single currency.

As M Jospin, M Hue and President Chirac jostle for control, the future of French industry will depend upon the outcome of this highly unpredictable three-way struggle for control.

## Time to tackle exchange-rate uncertainty

Governments must make a new effort, says John Grieve Smith

Whatever the Budget may hold on tax changes, the prime concern of many firms now is the exchange-rate outlook.

The problem for industry is not just the recent sharp rise in sterling, but uncertainty about future rates.

Floating exchange rates have lessened the incidence of short-term speculative crises that have caused previous governments such spectacular difficulties, such as the UK exit from the ERM. But industry is paying a price for the ensuing exchange-rate volatility: it is difficult to plan any investment or marketing strategy sensibly when exchange rates are liable to unpredictable change. Today's increasing globalisation of industry accentuates the need for governments to make a fresh co-operative effort to make world exchange rates more stable, whether or not EMU goes ahead.

Since the demise of the Bretton Woods fixed rate regime in the early Seventies, international co-operation has become progressively weaker. Attempts at "managed floating" have been abandoned. The ERM illustrated the difficulties on a European scale. In its latter years, members failed to agree either on the adjustments in rates needed or on action to sustain rates that came under speculative pressure. This experience suggests three valuable lessons in devising any wider arrangements.

□ Exchange rates cannot be set unilaterally. A system of managed rates, at any rate for the main currency blocks, depends on agreement between the key players.

□ Changes in rates need to be relatively small and frequent to avoid occasional major adjustments. Any new regime should provide for the target rates or bands to be reviewed regularly, on an analogy with central bank interest rates. If the expected changes were relatively small, this would reduce, but not eliminate, the gains from short-term speculation.

□ Measures to combat speculation against agreed rates should come into operation automatically and not at the discretion of central banks or their governments. This should be the responsibility of an international stabilisation fund with the ability to

draw on sufficient funds to counter speculative forces.

In considering ways to ease the problems of exchange-rate instability, one proposal that may get a new lease of life is the "Tobin Tax" – a low rate on currency transactions. This proposal, which was designed to damp down speculative exchange-rate transactions, has come under renewed discussion as a means of financing development and other international activities.

Increasing co-operative action through international agencies for either economic or other purposes will sooner or later call for international taxation.

A recent international study, *The Tobin Tax* (OUP) suggests that provided the relevant governments agree, such a tax would be feasible. Foreign exchange turnover is now so great that even the lowest of tax would raise about \$150 billion a year.

On the assumption that the tax would be levied by the government of the territory in which the currency market operated, the UK would be the largest collector, as nearly a third of world currency turnover takes place in London.

The proposal that governments should keep a portion of the revenue they collect should make any British Chancellor's mouth water. If the UK kept 40 per cent of what it collected, it would get about £10 billion a year.

Such a tax, however, should be viewed as one possible contribution to a more stable regime, not as a solution on its own. The most powerful agent to counter potential speculation must be to provide that once rates were agreed, international action to support them should come into action automatically. This would require a fundamental change in the philosophy and rules of the IMF.

Gordon Brown could well take the lead in initiating informal talks between American, Japanese and European representatives to explore such reforms, which might also include the rationalisation of the now excessive number of international organisations in the economic field.

John Grieve Smith is author of *Full Employment A Pledge Betrayed* (Macmillan).

## Express deals

A BUILDING that has already seen more than its share of awful deeds may shortly echo to the baying of City dealers for the first time. Planning approval has been received for the old *Express* building on Fleet Street, including two 3,000 sq m in dealing rooms. The building has entered journalistic lore as the Black Lubianka but is now little more than the historic black tile frontage.

The site is indirectly owned by Itochu Corporation, a Japanese conglomerate, which is already talking

to potential occupiers, including a couple of financial businesses. "If we don't do a deal, we'll build it out speculatively – the feedback at the moment is that before too long we'll have a tenancy in place anyway," says my man in the hard hat. One of the Americans would be my bet – Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan are hard by, and it certainly beats Canary Wharf.

● BOB MURRAY, chairman of the recently relegated Sunderland Football Club, is a man who keeps a firm grip on his wallet. In yesterday's deal to buy Lee Clarke, the Newcastle United mid-fielder, Sunderland is paying £2.5 million up front, £300,000 if the club is promoted back into the Premiership and another £200,000 if Sunderland qualifies for a European competition. As it is 25 years, I am told, since Sunderland last played in Europe, Murray is not taking any risks with his cash.

### Sick leave

HORRIBLE tales of fear, degradation and despair at the London offices of Bloomberg News, the financial wire service. Normal sort of day there, employees and former employees will assume, but this is worse



than usual. Raymond Goff, a respected editor, is on "sick leave" after a public dressing-down by Matthew Winkler, editor-in-chief of Bloomberg. Winkler is a co-founder along with the tireless Michael Bloomberg and provider of "invaluable help" towards the latter's recently published autobiography. He is also apparently one of those bosses who believe that creative tension makes the world go around, or at least oil its relationships with subordinates. Goff was given a public humiliation over a story from a Turkish stringer and told, along with most of the rest of the organisation, I gather, that he was unfit to edit any longer. Callers to Goff's extension receive his voice mail: ask about his whereabouts, and you go directly through

to Paul Sillitoe, bureau chief in London. "All I can say is that he's on sick leave," he says.

### Retro rebel

HOWARD HODGSON, the one-time funeral parlour tycoon, was saving his former employer's blushes last night and staying well clear of the Benson & Hedges shop on Old Bond Street. He was supposed to be launching a £15 million advertising campaign for Ronson's new range of watches, Rebel, Racer and Retro. Until Hodgson, whose hairstyle might once have labelled him a Rebel but now looks distinctly Retro – was kicked out of Ronson. The show, somehow, went on without him.

● "INVESTOR rush to jump on the Halifax bandwagon," burbles an ill-written hand-out. "It's not only Halifax shareholders who are rushing to make the most of the building societies' (sic) flotation ... It then goes on to put a certain personal finance product, suggesting Halifax members in their droves are using their proceeds to buy it. Which shows that someone else is also no slouch at bandwagon-jumping. And no, I am not going to name the product."

### Health regime

GERALD RATNER's venture into the exercise business, with one

those awful fitness centres opening next month in Henley-on-Thames, has reunited him with an old friend, I learn. Throwing his lot in with the venture is Gary O'Brien, former finance director of Ratner's.

Ratner, who quit in November 1992 after those unfortunate remarks at the Institute of Directors, plans to install everything a wealthy Henleyite could need to work off a meal at Le Manoir just along the river. O'Brien left Signet and then had an unfortunate spell with Stephen Hinchliffe, the controversial financier, on the board of his crashed fashion chain.

MARTIN WALLER



A fitness venture will reunite Gerald Ratner with an old friend

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# A Lift to Down Under

Richard Morrison previews a bold Australian invasion of the London International Festival of Theatre

**C**rocodile Dundee, Dundee, barbies, tinnies, surfers, soaps, Kylie, Germaine, Dame Edna ... ask most of us to free-associate on the word "Australia" and the old clichés would surely come tumbling out. Then, perhaps, we might push our geopolitical memory banks really hard and come up with *Shine*, *Tap Dogs*, Baz Luhrmann, and great char donnays from unlikely creeks in New South Wales.

And after that? Well, the global village may be shrinking, but in cultural terms Britain and Australia can rarely have been farther apart. Today we define ourselves within Europe, while they are increasingly preoccupied by Pacific Asia. Fewer and fewer Australians have family ties with Britain, and the old allegiances to Commonwealth and Crown are moving inexorably into the realms of the surreal.

True, our trading and sporting links remain, and a shared language (more or less) allows a brisk, two-way bombardment of duff television programmes. But no longer do their big hopes and fears coincide with ours.

Against this background Britain and Australia have embarked on the biggest cultural exchange in their histories. Called New Images, it was initiated by the British Council to celebrate its 50th anniversary in Australia, and brings



William Yang's autobiographical monologue and slide-show, *The North: a haunting parable about all migrations, all minorities, all ghettos*

more than 150 British-themed events to all six states.

In return, the Australia Council this week launches a £150,000 project to give Britain a hefty dose of Australian culture. But this is no parade of famous names and safe programmes. Rather, the Australians, with commendable frankness, are presenting a series of unusually critical "state of the nation" portraits.

Three are staged this month at the London International Festival of Theatre (Lift), and each paints Australia as a place of confused identity, lingering colonial resentments and unreconciled racial differences. Some countries might shrink from giving an official platform overseas to such a downbeat image; it would be surprising, for instance, if the British Council presented a foreign festival with three plays all dealing with Ulster's history from the Irish republican point of view. But race has become the hot political potato in Australia at present. For many writers — whether in theatre or newspapers — it's the only subject in town.

Aboriginal groups, and many white Australians, are agitating for past wrongs to be put right: the theft of land; the high incidence of Aboriginal males dying in police custody (the subject of a highly critical royal commission scrutiny); and the "stolen children" scandal. Meanwhile, Asian Australians are fearful of a

virulent new strain of racist redneck politics which seeks to blame non-white immigrants for rising unemployment.

The fact that all three London-bound plays comment on these volatile matters with dignity and wit rather than agitprop polemic is perhaps the best indication that Australia's sense of fair play will triumph over intolerance. Nevertheless, there can be no doubt the serious intent of these warning messages, particularly in *The 7 Stages of Grieving* by the Aboriginal company Koori Koomba Jurrarra.

The group's style is to mix ancient rituals (in this play, for instance, the hiding of all images of a dead person) with very new subject-matter. "We presented a children's show about young Aborigines being taken away from their families quite some time before last week's stolen-children report," Enoch says. "And *The 7 Stages* came out of the death in police custody of one of our young dancers."

Despite this grim background, Enoch is cautiously hopeful. "Back in 1988 Australia thought that the bicentenary of our conquest was something to celebrate. In-

stead it became an interrogation of our national identity. Out of that, good came. Thirty years ago, my father couldn't even vote. There has been progress."

William Yang's *The North* is another monologue, but very different in tone: understated, delicately evocative, drollly humorous. Yang is Chinese Australian. His family came to north Queensland in one of the late 19th-century gold rushes. A society photographer by trade, he was inspired by Spalding Gray to start stringing together his images into sophisticated slide-shows with spoken commentaries, and won national fame with *Sadness* — a journey through bereavement, as AIDS hit the Sydney gay scene.

In *The North* he revisits the dry, stunted small-town Queensland of his own childhood, and also the China of his ancestors, in an attempt to "redefine what it is to be an Australian". That may sound desperately parochial for British audiences, but such is the beguiling humour of Yang's

words, and so artful are his photographs, that *The North* becomes a "haunting parable about all migrations, all minorities, all ghettos. It could as easily be about the Asians in Bradford. And it has a remarkable musical score: a weird mixture of falsetto vocals and handmade folk instruments, all supplied live by Colin Offord.

**T**he third Aussie show at Lift is more whimsical. *The Geography of Haunted Places* is described as "a satirical critique of invasion and conquest" in which a fading beauty queen shares the stage with seven stuffed animals, and the metaphors — equating colonisation to rape — flow fast and loose. It's fair to say that the Australian critics were as irritated by the show's quirky obscurities as they were mesmerised by the epic, more-or-less-unclothed performance of Erin Heffernan as "Miss Discovery": an amalgam of abused women through history.

Not all the events in New Images are anguished dissertations on Australian identity. There is, for instance, unlikely to be much post-colonial angst when the stirring young bloods of the Australian Chamber Orchestra lead a small Aussie invasion of the Wigmore Hall in October.

Nevertheless, with the Aboriginal dance group Barrangarra coming to the Edinburgh Festival, and Aboriginal painting heavily featured in an Australian art show at MOMA in Oxford this summer, Australia seems intent on startling us with a "new image" that is defiantly non-British in its cultural references. Get used to it. We shall be hearing a lot more from this highly articulate, increasingly polished "Black Australia" in the build-up to the Sydney Olympics.

• The Geography of Haunted Places is at the Royal Court Upstairs from tonight to Saturday; *The 7 Stages of Grieving* is at BAC from Thursday to June 17; *The North* is at BAC from June 17 to 22. Lift booking: 071-312 1995

## Time to unravel Ravel

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THE London Symphony Orchestra's mini-series of four Ravel concerts, all with André Previn, is inspired programming. Too often themes seem to be adopted for thematic sake, but Ravel is a composer in need of this kind of concentrated treatment, one who otherwise tends to be taken for granted or played as a make-weight to something else. And few conductors have Previn's natural feel for Ravel's bewitching melodicness or brilliant orchestration.

*Ravel: Through the Looking-Glass*, as the series is called, promises many varied reflections, but just how much of the enigmatic figure it will reveal remains to be heard. Already in the first concert we heard three very different aspects of Ravel, with the three works sharing only a certain emotional objectivity.

Ravel the miniaturist was represented by the *Mother Goose* ballet, happily given complete. Perhaps it is his part-Swiss ancestry that has led to the composer being belittled as a "watchmaker", but the precision he drew from the orchestra he drew refined performances.

There is much less to *Tzigane*, a virtuosic rhapsody for violin and orchestra full of rather generic-sounding "gypsy" music. Everything depends on the soloist pulling off the tricks, and Eunice Lee managed most of them: she due into the unaccompanied opening soulfully, and was teasing and finally fierce in the bravura main section.

Bigger-scale Ravel, in every sense, was heard after the interval in the two suites from *Daphnis et Chloé*. Something inimitable "clicked" between the orchestra and its conductor laureate here, resulting in a sumptuous but never self-indulgent account of the composer's greatest score.

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## BRAHMS'S SYMPHONY No 2

Reviewed by Anthony Burton  
PARTLY no doubt because of this year's centenary of Brahms's death, there is no shortage of recordings of his symphonies in the current catalogue. But among the 58 available versions of the Second Symphony, the sunniest and most relaxed of the four, there are few which I can wholeheartedly recommend.

The main problems presented by the work are to do with tempo: the speed to be set in each movement, and in particular the extent to which this should be varied — something for which Brahms gives very few specific instructions. Excessive changes of tempo can sound forced or inorganic: a change which can be levelled even at such celebrated recordings as those of Claudio Abbado, Gunter Wand, George Szell and Bruno Walter; and, indeed, for all his research into 19th-century performance practice, that of Roger Norrington.

The choice of recommendable recordings is widest among the mid-price reissues. Herbert von Karajan's 1977 Berlin recording on Deutsche Grammophon is the most satisfying of his currently available performances, though its super-smooth phrasing tends to clog the orchestral textures. In contrast, Otto Klemperer's 1956 Philharmonia recording on EMI is angular in phrasing, and its orchestral sound unimpressive; but it has great strength and integrity.

Best of all is Riccardo Chailly with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra (Decca 430 324-2, £14.99). This has excellent orchestral playing and recording: the first movement, faster than most, seems to be perfectly paced; the middle movements are phrased with great affection; and the finale ends in a brilliant, but unforced, blaze of excitement.

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However, these and several other fine mid-price issues are eclipsed by Leonard Bernstein's 1982 live recording with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (Deutsche Grammophon). This can be criticised for many details, but it is a performance of passionate, desperate conviction.

As for my overall recommendation, there is some superb playing by the Saito Kinen Orchestra, very well recorded by Philips; but Seiji Ozawa's interpretation loses momentum in a disappointing finale. Kurt Masur also draws playing of outstanding tonal refinement from the New York Philharmonic, matched by Teldec's airy recording; again the finale is the problem — it is a little uneven and prosaic.

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Kitaj's parting shot at his critics enlivens a dull Royal Academy Summer Exhibition



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... while work by China's leading painter, Chen Yifei, is shown in Britain for the first time



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VISUAL ART: The Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition; a Chinese painter's London debut; plus galleries

# Tears rain on the summer parade

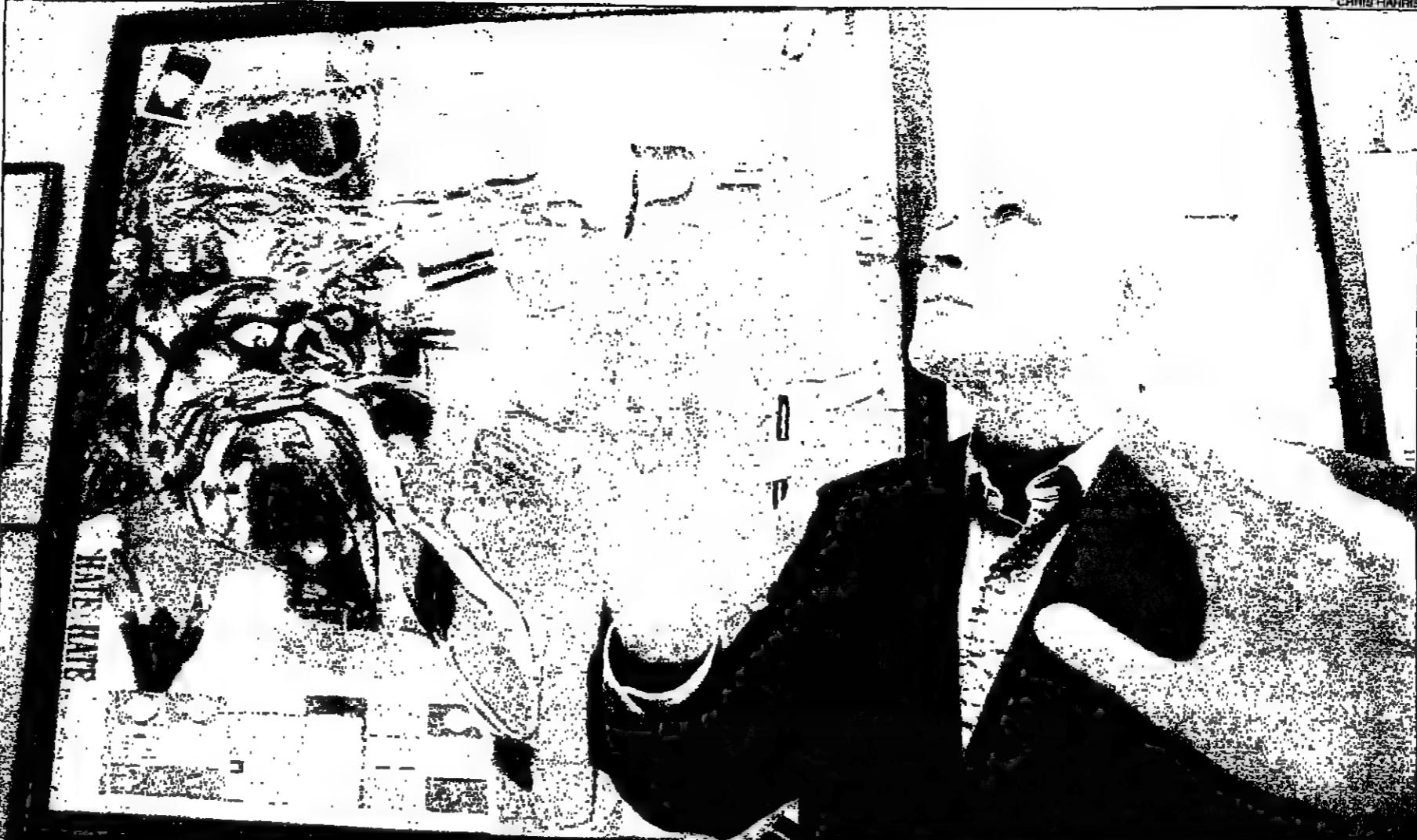
Richard Cork on a crammed RA show dominated by R.B. Kitaj

**T**he moment you enter the Royal Academy's latest Summer Exhibition, R.B. Kitaj's *Lear*-like howl of rage resounds from a distant wall. A deeply embittered farewell from an artist who is abandoning England for California, his fusillade of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and books is aimed at members of my profession. For Kitaj was mortified by the critical savaging his Tate retrospective suffered, and he blames hostile reviewers for the tragic death of his wife, Sandra Fisher, soon afterwards. Far from tending his wounds in private, he here takes a very public and gory revenge.

At the centre of his wailing wall, a macabre killing enacted. Based on Manet's *Execution of the Emperor Maximilian*, Kitaj's hectic painting shows a bearded rifleman firing at a grotesquely bloated head spattered with blood, bile and dead wasps. The executioner resembles Manet himself, whose portrait by Degas hangs near by. But he is clearly a stand-in for Kitaj, and on the butt of his weapon Dylan Thomas's impassioned elegy ("Do not go gentle") proclaims his commitment to an angry grief. Peppered with bullets, the multi-eyed gorgon spews a rancid stream from its repellent mouth. And just in case anyone remains uncertain of the monster's identity, Kitaj has inscribed his vomit with a murderous chant: "yellowpresyellowpresyellowpreskillkillkill."

While I found much to admire in his Tate retrospective, critics have a right to express even the most bilious opinions. Kitaj would have been far better advised to ignore his detractors, and I am saddened that his wife's sudden death drove him to adopt such overreacted tactics.

What I do support, though, is Kitaj's decision to fill the rest of the room with the work of his friends. He was responsible for calling them the School of London, and his old wicked humour resurfaces when he explains that "I have invited a few of the Over-The-Hill-Gang to join me... because I believe in a geriatric avant-garde".



R.B. Kitaj and the centrepiece of his anti-critics "wailing wall" at the Royal Academy: the artist believes that hostile reviews of his Tate retrospective led to his wife's death

Some have never shown at the RA's summer jamboree before, and their contributions stand out. Lucian Freud's drawing of a bare-chested Francis Bacon is wittily incisive, while Leon Kossoff's swimming-pool drawing pulses with a fierce, exuberant energy. The most moving picture, though, is Frank Auerbach's portrait of Sandra. His brushmarks decisively summarise her gaunt face, but the features seem to be disintegrating as well, and the pallor of her flesh already appears sepulchral.

What does the rest of the exhibition look like, in its 229th year? Since nearly 3,000 works were sold in last summer's show, and more than 120,000 people visited it, this

annual ritual clearly enjoys huge esteem in some quarters. But I cannot pretend to have enjoyed the latest instalment. Quite simply, an embarrassment of inferior entries is put on display, and the sheer visual congestion threatens to snuff out the impact of the finest individual images.

Take the opening room, where a deserved memorial tribute is paid to William Gear. His recent death deprived British art of a pioneer abstractionist, and the seven canvases on view ought to have celebrated his robust, sensuous panache. But they are all crammed together in a cluster so tight-packed that the homage seems nothing more than a token gesture.

Proper space has been found, elsewhere in the room, for a bold, raw painting by Anselm Kiefer scattered with a swarming mass of sunflower seeds. And on the opposite wall, Prunella Clough's queerer *False Flower*, where a shimmering yet sickly growth rises from a grey urban structure, is allowed to make an impact.

Nobody could accuse John Hoyland of reticence. His pigment-smeared painting-booth feature on the poster for this year's show, and in the largest gallery Hoyland's titanic canvas *Story from Nature* proves that he has lost none of his life-affirming ebullience. Looking round the room, I realised that boisterous abstractions triumph in each wall. Gillian Ayres revels in a typically impetuous joie-de-vivre. Across the way, Sandra Blow emerges with élan from the muddle of equally unsympathetic canvases around her. She knows what to leave out, whereas the rest of the summer show is cursed by painters who overload their work.

Fussiness abounds, and spontaneity is far too rare. The subject range is narrow: Mediterranean views, flowers in conservatories and beach scenes crop up everywhere. They are all idyllic, as if life for a Royal Academy exhibitor were a prolonged, cloying summer holiday. So I felt grateful whenever an exhibitor offered a vision that escapes from the prevailing blandness.

Carol Weight, an octogenarian obsessive, can always be relied on to provide a haunted corrective. His *Going Home, Evening* is charged with an authentic sense of isolation and agoraphobic dread. Josef Herman is another senior painter with a dark, brooding imagination, and his powerful back view of a woman at dusk has a welcome economy.

Anthony Green, on the other hand, stands out through the strength of his steadfast optimism and love. His paintings look as if they have exploded into a series of quirky shaped fragments. One even has a fissure running through its centre, but the rift does not impair his matrimonial devotion to

the woman sleeping on the bed. Green-bearded and slumped, he busies himself with tics in his crumpled pyjamas. The aerial perspective adds a feeling of vertigo, but Green's attachment to conjugal life is unwavering.

Although Green heaps each little painting with minutiae, he still manages to preserve vivacity. But most of the artists who stand out here understand the value of ruthlessness. Roy Ondade, who fully deserves his £10,000 Korn/Ferry Award, knows just how to eliminate inessential. Glimpses of earlier versions can still be detected beneath the final layers of paint in his *Sitting-Up*. But the woman on the bed has been reduced to a few tensely brushed contours. At once vulnerable and resilient, her figure is contrasted with the thick, luscious white paint spread so vigorously across the pillow and sheet.

Sadly, the Academy's recent fire means that its architectural models and drawings are excluded. They will be shown instead at the Architectural Foundation (opening on Sunday), but I hope their banishment is a temporary affair. Artists and architects are too divorced from each other, and their presence together at Burlington House is an annual affirmation that the alliance between them should be expanded.

So should the display of sculpture. In the past, the superabundance of painters has threatened to squeeze sculptors out. They are still not visible enough, and bronzes as feeble as Bernard Sirlind's titillating *Daisy Sitting on a Wall* are given far too much prominence. Even so, Philip King's two ceramic pieces look impressive in the room they dominate. His ability to play with variations on the theme of a vessel seems inexhaustible. The tall *Pitcher and Cup* is erect, vigilant and phallic, while a smaller work called *The Watcher* is a more restless, dithering affair, alive with unexpected Baroque pronuberances.

Tony Cragg's *Early Form* proves that an outstanding younger generation of sculptors is now welcome at the Academy as well. Whirling with contained energy, this gleaming presence testifies to the strength of contemporary British art, and returns at the same time to the very origins of sculptural expression.

• The Summer Exhibition is at the Royal Academy (0171-390 7438) until August 17.

## Shanghaied by paint

What should a Chinese artist look like nowadays? Chen Yifei, at 51 the most successful living artist in China, ought to provide a useful index—but he might more readily be taken for a bank manager. An extremely cheerful, jolly bank manager, but all the same the neatly suited exterior hardly suggests artistic obsessions blazing beneath. Appearances, however, are deceptive: talk to him for a few minutes, and you encounter instead a fanatical perfectionist determined to express his vision in art.

It has been long road to his present international fame, which takes him to the Venice Biennale later this month and to his debut British exhibition at Marlborough Fine Art this week. Born in Ningbo and brought up in Shanghai, Chen had many advantages. His father was a successful chemical engineer, his mother a former Roman Catholic nun, and the family was well-off, cultivated and unusually in touch with Western art and thought. When Chen showed precocious artistic talent, they were happy

to go along with it, and he found further support with the Communist Youth Pioneers at his school.

At 14 he entered the Shanghai High School for Art, where he received a comprehensive training in Western art technique: most of the teachers had passed their formative years in Paris, the prewar mecca of Chinese artists, and China's close cultural connections with Russia in the early days of Communism government also encouraged Western-style realism in painting. The onset of the Cultural Revolution in 1966 complicated life, but did not fundamentally change China's artistic direction.

That, says Chen, was because, while in every other art Western influence was roundly condemned, in painting native Chinese techniques were not suitable for the

In 1980, obtaining a nomi-



Morning on the Long Canal (1995) by Chen Yifei

nal sponsorship from members of his extended family in New York, he managed to get there with just \$38 in his pocket. "I didn't care. I decided that if I just had time enough in New York to get myself to the Metropolitan Museum for a day, the trip would have been worthwhile." He obtained a scholarship to Hunter College, and got work in New York as a picture restorer. One day,

passing the Armand Hammer Gallery, he was tempted in, showed them his work, and was commissioned by Hammer himself to paint for a one-man show in 1983.

Though he made occasional return visits to China, he remained based in New York for the next decade. His growing success included a commission from the United Nations and the presentation of his painting, *Memory of*

Homeland—Double Bridge, to Deng Xiaoping as a personal gift from Armand Hammer. In 1988 Chen made his first visit to Tibet, which has subsequently become a constant theme in his work, and in 1990 he moved back to Shanghai. He feels that his time living in the West has made his art richer and more complex: he now paints with a heavier impasto, in a more "painterly" fashion.

Since childhood he has also been fascinated by the cinema, and in 1993 made an autobiographical feature documentary, *Old Dreams on the Sea*, and a fictional feature, a love story called *Evening Liaison*, which was selected for the Cannes Film Festival in 1995. He raised the money for those from his painting, but now he is involved in a more expensive project. "I made last year the first part, which is a documentary about Jewish refugees in Shanghai. Now I have to go to the money-men to finance the second, which is a fiction on the same subject. It needs sets. So what else can I do?" Observing the glint in Chen's eye, the outcome is not in doubt.

• Chen Yifei, Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albermarle Street, W1 (0171-561 629) from Thur to July 19

the clunk, click, echoing shouts and jangling of keys were played for real in a live link set up between Pentonville prison and the gallery. Now we just have a recording and that notion of a direct line of communication becomes merely suggestive.

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□ IMAGE AND FORM at Brunei Gallery is an interesting exhibition of prints, drawings and sculpture from southern Africa and Nigeria. The crowded show ranges across traditional celebrations of national identity at the time of Nigeria's independence, through prints which were a form of common currency under apartheid in South Africa, to bright dreamlike lithographs by the Kuru Group, a collective of gatherers in Botswana. The drawings by Marlene Dumas, a South African who now lives in Holland, provide a key to the best aspects of this exhibition. She manages to make a figure exist, quite simply, through drawing.

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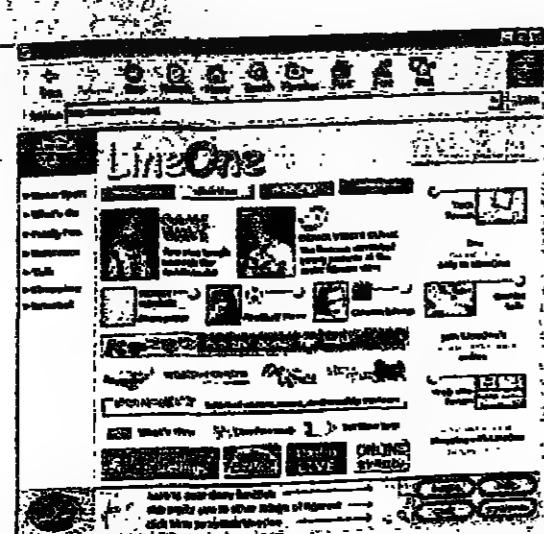
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With the election over, Britain has joined the United States as a democracy led by a lawyer. Not only are Tony Blair and Bill Clinton lawyers, but they are married to lawyers and their wives earn far more than they do.

This is no coincidence: lawyers are now found everywhere. Despite the increase in legal actions — and after 50, as Gov. Vidal said, litigation for some takes the place of sex — lawyers are not staying in the courts but taking on new challenges.

Mr. Blair has already proved himself the master of the television soundbite, despite the efforts of all those other barristers in Parliament, from the Liberal Democrat Simon Hughes to the Tory Michael Howard, to catch him out. In Washington, President Clinton leads the way in using legal wiles and forensic smarts to avoid tricky issues. Not for him the brusqueness of old-timers such as President Lyndon Johnson, who in the 1960s barked at a reporter: "You ask the leader of the Western world a chicken shit question like that?"

Yet Tony and Bill, and their brilliant lawyer wives, are only the most prominent of legal brains who have achieved high status — and salaries — in areas far from the courts. The Clinton team are already known as "Billary", but the jury is still out on what to call the Blair combo.

From big business to show-business, lawyers are increasingly making key decisions

rather than advising on the legal implications from the sidelines. Robert Alexander, QC, one of the most successful commercial silks at the Bar, was lured by the opportunities as head of National Westminster Bank and a career in the heart of the City. The excitement of high finance deprived the judiciary of one of its most able candidates.

An old-time tycoon such as John Pierpont Morgan was able to snap: "I don't want a lawyer to tell me what I cannot do; I hire him to tell me how to do what I want to do." Now, though, lawyers are no longer content to be attendant lords; they want a slice of the action.

Lawyers have always been in politics — Prime Ministers Gladstone, Disraeli and Thatcher were members of Lincoln's Inn — but in the past lawyers could combine forensic skills with other areas of excellence. All this is changing. The pressures of practice mean that lawyers increasingly have to choose just one career.

In his autobiography, the former England rugby hooker Brian Moore, now a partner at solicitors Edward Lewis in London, explains the problems in combining a legal career with one as a top-class sportsman. It was not easy to do both in the 1980s, and Moore feels that the pressure of preparing a huge House of Lords case affected his performances on the pitch.

In the new age of rugby professionalism, few can be both lawyers and first-class

sportsmen. Bath's dynamic wing, Simon Geoghegan, 28, rejected all offers to become a full-time professional, believing "there is more to life than chasing a rugby ball about". He combines a part-time contract with Bath with his job as a solicitor with Rosling & King in London, but the chance of future sporty lawyers doing the same at the top levels looks bleak. Geoghegan says if he were starting out now, there is "no way I would have been able to qualify as a solicitor".

The sports and commercial lawyer James O'Donnell played senior rugby in his home country of Ireland for

while working as a lawyer were dashed.

"Without coming to some exceptional arrangement with your firm," he says, "the fierce job pressures in the City and the unpredictable late hours in the evening when working on deals, combined with the commitment demanded by the professional game, makes it almost impossible to be involved in top-class sport."

In the past, television, with its more relaxed schedules for rehearsal, has allowed lawyers to master more than one trade. Clive Anderson was able to mix his fame in *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* with practice as a barrister, although what his clerk thought of his time spent in a televised railway journey across China remains a matter of conjecture. But media success has deprived the legal profession of some of its brightest recruits.

Sandy Toksvig, also of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, took a law degree but escaped the law by becoming a stand-up comic.

Authors have also found that there is no longer an inclination to practise when greater rewards can be obtained in other ways. John Mortimer, QC, created the remarkable Rumpole from years of court experience — a character who achieved the feat of being as famous in the Old Bailey as Sherlock Holmes in Baker Street.

Sports, comedy — these are not the only escape routes open to lawyers. Nicholas Stid spent two years as a solicitor at Stephenson Harwood, but

**'Nowadays the pressures of practice mean that lawyers increasingly have to choose just one career'**

Wanderers FC, based in Dublin. While a trainee solicitor, he combined law with training as a javelin thrower, having represented his country and aspiring to compete in the 1992 Olympics. He usually "finishes work at 6pm and could train for a couple of hours in the evenings". An injury made him switch to rugby.

On qualifying, and with growing work pressures, he could still play rugby at a senior level as it was then an amateur sport. He moved to London in 1996 but hopes of continuing senior-level rugby

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**Irvine's change**  
 The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, has pleased consumer groups by announcing that he favours a change in the law to allow them to bring "representative actions" in the courts. A working group will soon draw up a paper for consultation.

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 A HELPLINE for solicitors facing complaints from their clients, Lawyer Line (0126 822130), has been set up by the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors, partly to tackle big delays at the office in processing complaints.

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### Stinging relief

MICHAEL HOWARD's enforced retirement from the Home Office has been followed by the voluntary retirement from the Criminal Bar Association of one of his fiercest and most persistent critics.

The two-year term of Anne Rafferty, QC, as chairman of the association has just ended. For many, she will be remembered for her stinging attacks in the CBA newsletter against aspects of Mr Howard's crime reforms.

It is too early to say whether her successor, Roy Amlot, QC, will have a similar relationship with Jack Straw.

Away from the office, Ms Rafferty, with members of her 4 Brick Court chambers — fellow barrister Roger Smart and clerk Helen Davey — competed in the Wilde Sapte City of London road race last week. The chambers are do-

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## The language of legal rights

The British played a leading role in drafting the European Convention on Human Rights. Now the convention is coming home. The Government has announced its intention to legislate for incorporation into domestic law, and ministers will need to learn from the errors of their predecessors that a Commons majority does not confer unfettered executive power.

From 1987 to 1997, the greatest achievements of Lord Mackay of Clashfern as Lord Chancellor were to appoint and promote skilled and independent judges irrespective of their political views, and to remove the fetters on the judiciary expressing their views out of court. The irony is that in the past ten years the judiciary applied its intellect, and enhanced self-confidence, to explain, in court and out, how Lord Mackay's colleagues in John Major's Cabinet (and even, on one occasion, Lord Mackay himself) had adopted policies which exceeded the proper boundaries of executive discretion.

The arrival of a Labour Government is unlikely to remove all tension in the relationship between judges and politicians. Lawyers who practise in the field of judicial review can be confident that arbitrary and unfair decision-making will not entirely vanish. Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, wrote in 1986: "When I did there may be found burnt on my heart the names Laker, Congreve, Tameside and Crussman, just to name a few of my defeats" when acting as Treasury counsel for the last Labour Government of 1974-79. But there is optimism that, in legal affairs, the worst mistakes of Mr Major's administration can be avoided. Two important new books analyse the role that the judiciary has been performing, and likely to perform in the next few years.

In *Trial of Strength, The Battle between Ministers and Judges Over Who Makes the Law* (Richard Cohen Books, £17.99), Joshua Rozenberg describes, with the impartiality and accessibility which characterise his work as legal correspondent of the BBC, many of the recent disagreements over policy and principle which led to court defeats and public disputes with the judiciary.

As the Government takes its first difficult decisions, there is no better guide to the legal problems faced by its predecessor, and the extent to which ministers will be responsible for their own legal embarrassments. As Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker was found to have acted in contempt of court by ignoring a judicial decision prohibiting the removal from the United Kingdom of an asylum-seeker. Many other adverse judicial

decisions against the last Government were the result of a lack of ministerial respect for the law. Instead of resolving not to adopt policies of doubtful legality, the Government's approach was to see whether it could get away with it. Very often, it did not.

One of the most significant features of public law over the past decade has been the willingness of the judiciary to recognise and apply human rights in deciding hard cases. The new Government's intention to enact a Bill of Rights, incorporating the European convention into domestic law, will ensure that human rights are at the centre of English law for the foreseeable future. So there could be no more appropriate subject for the first book to be published by a new legal publisher, Hart Publishing of Oxford, than *Using Human Rights Law in English Courts* (£30) by the barrister Murray Hunt.

Mr Hunt explains that the UK's recognition of the jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights, and our membership of the European Union, have changed the constitutional norms that previously governed legal thinking. Parliament is no longer supreme. In a sophisticated analysis of constitutional case law and theory, Mr Hunt contends that courts should recognise an "interpretive obligation to construe domestic law so as to conform with international human rights norms".

Mr Hunt argues that the case law demonstrates a "transformation of English public law from a sovereignty-based constitutionalism". He describes how, after passing through the stages of ignoring human rights and then having regard to them only in cases of ambiguity, English judges have discovered that the common law and the European convention are similar in content on many topics.

Although he overestimates the capacity of the common law to protect human rights without the domestic incorporation of the convention, his work will make an important contribution towards educating those judges and lawyers who need to learn the language of legal rights to make the new Bill of Rights work effectively.

Shakespeare's Henry V tells his Chief Justice that "my voice shall sound as you do prompt mine ear". The incorporation of the convention will not, and should not, confer such power on today's judiciary. But it will help to ensure that ministers less frequently take decisions they are not able to explain and justify in court.

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# Waging war on prejudice

Legislation alone will not halt racially motivated crime, says Gary Slapper

**B**ritain has one of the highest rates of racially motivated crime in Western Europe, according to a recent report by the international organisation Human Rights Watch. The number of annual incidents has trebled over the past seven years, the three-year study shows.

At the same time, breaches of race relations law by employers proliferate, with the problem also reaching into schools, as the recent case of Hytham Hamad shows. Mr Hamad was awarded £4,000 in compensation against one of Britain's oldest public schools after it failed to deal with an appalling and virulent racist crusade against him by other pupils.

The Government is ready to act and has announced that it will use the Crime and Disorder Bill to legislate for new crimes of "racial harassment" and "racially motivated violence". But how effective can the law be in promoting enlightened attitudes?

The plethora of provisions outlawing racist behaviour already includes the Race Relations Act 1976, which makes it unlawful to discriminate racially, directly or indirectly, against people at work, or, as the Hamad case shows, in places such as schools. The Act has been strengthened by a recent Court of Appeal ruling.

Raymonds Jones was frequently taunted with racist remarks and physically abused at the engineering factory in the Midlands where he worked.

In confirming that Mr Jones should receive £5,000 in compensation, Lord Justice Waithe stated that narrow conceptions of the law, which would have exculpated the employer from the unauthorised acts of the workers, should be ignored.

The Race Relations Act's purpose was, he observed, "to deter racial harassment in the workplace by widening the net of responsibility beyond the guilty employees themselves by making all employers additionally liable", subject to a defence that they had taken all reasonable steps to stop the harassment.

Racist conduct can also be tackled with laws such as the Malicious Communications Act 1988 (where letters or other articles have been sent to cause distress or anxiety), and the Football (Offences) Act 1991, which deals with racist chanting at football matches. Councils can use local government legislation to deal with racist tenants; in the 12 months to May 1996, 33 councils in London took successful legal action against tenants who had racially harassed their neighbours. Sixteen councils won 16 possession orders and 47 injunctions.

It is also an offence under the Public Order Act 1986, punishable with up to six months' imprisonment, to use threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct, or to distribute or display any writing, sign or

representation that is threatening, abusive or insulting. A related offence criminalising threatening or disorderly behaviour, or the use of signs within the sight or hearing of a person likely to cause harassment, alarm or

## Debate and schooling are likely to have more impact than new laws'

distress. The 1994 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act added yet another offence to the list. This new crime, aimed chiefly at racist agitators, is the intentional causing of harassment, alarm or distress.

It does not, however, specifically mention race — an omission Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, wants to address.

The police have to keep records of any incidents where a racial motive is apparent. Based on a large-scale survey, the Home Office's British Crime Survey found 130,000 racially motivated incidents in 1991, of which 89,000 were

There is also the Public Order Act, with its six offences covering those who commit acts — including possessing, materials and presenting plays — that are likely to stir up racial hatred.

On top of all that, the current Code for Crown Prosecutors states that factors which will increase the likelihood of an incident resulting in prosecution include the offence of being "motivated by any form of discrimination against the victim's ethnic or national origin".

Despite all these laws, many people from ethnic minorities still face the major problem of the more transient but injurious incidence of racial harassment — defined by the Commission for Racial Equality as verbal or physical violence towards individuals or groups on grounds of colour, race, nationality or ethnic origin. It includes attacks on property as well as people.

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against Asians and 41,000 against people from black groups. These included 52,000 threats, 26,000 acts of vandalism and 32,000 assaults. It appears that such incidents are greatly under-reported or under-recorded by the police, whose records for 1995-96 show 12,222 racial incidents.

Just how far any new offence of racially motivated crime can act as a deterrent to racist thugs is open to question. What is clear is that in the time that this battery of civil and criminal racist offences has been created, the phenomenon has grown alarmingly. The Human Rights Watch report focuses not only on the thousands of assaults, but also on 14 racist murders committed between 1991 and 1994, and the deaths in custody of ten black people.

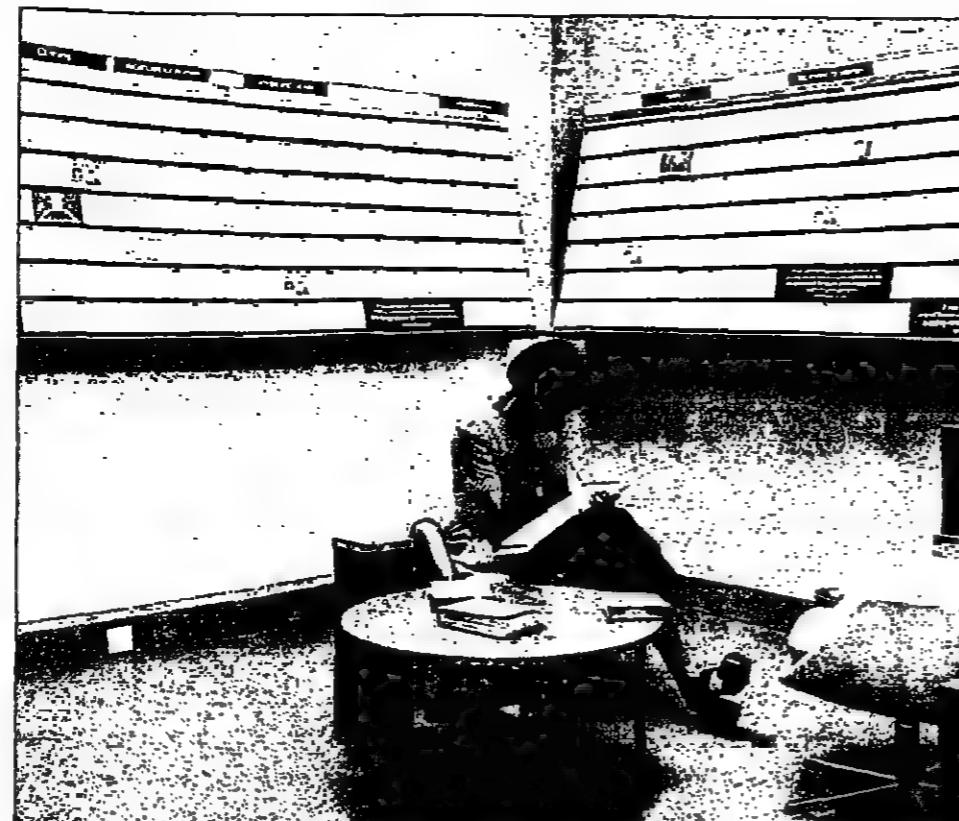
When laws first came in to curtail racist conduct, they were treated sceptically by the judiciary. Where there was any doubt about whether a provision applied, the personal freedom of racists to discriminate or insult prevailed.

In 1974, Anthony Sherrington had been refused a drink in a docker's club in Preston, Lancashire, with the words "We do not serve coloured people". Mr Sherrington was an associate member of the club and the question was whether such members were about a million were "a section of the public" that the law said could not be discriminated against. The House of Lords said they were not, ruling in favour of the racist club.

The attitude of the judiciary has progressed since then, with the previous Lord Chancellor reaffirming the need for judicial sensitivity on matters of race and religion, and cautioning trial judges who made racist remarks.

Judicial attitudes aside, fear within ethnic minorities remains. A recent survey for the Home Office found that 39 per cent of Asians were very worried about being the victims of racial attacks. Public debate and educational broadcasting and schooling are likely to have more of an impact than anything achievable by throwing yet more law at the problem.

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Looking for a job: black people may come up against subtle barriers, even after getting work

Edward Fennell predicts a boom in legal work

## Road to riches if all goes to plan

**W**hat will the new Government do to housing and planning laws? As protesters prepare for a housing battle over plans for a proposed new town in the heart of Hampshire, the annual Cities International Conference comes to London this week. Seen by many as the most influential forum on urban management and development, it is a lawyers' honeypot and a prime talking point will be the effect on planning and development of the new Labour administration.

There is a consensus already among top planning lawyers that Labour will bring a new pragmatism to planning decisions. Housing will be the big issue and according to Margaret Casely-Hayford of solicitors Denton Hall it will be "John Selwyn Gummer with realism".

The Denton Hall view, shared by many other leading planning lawyers, is that the previous Government's commitment to putting 75 per cent of new housing on brownfield sites is "unimplementable". Instead, if the target of 4.4 million houses is to be achieved, there is bound to be considerable pressure to go for greenfield sites.

This is where much of the work for planning lawyers will come from. Nicholas Taylor of the solicitors Berwin Leighton has been engaged for some time on the development of a new "city" at Ebbw Vale, part of the Thames Gateway in Kent. He emphasises the importance of Labour's requirements for the integration of jobs, transport, leisure and homes to achieve "sustainability".

However, he also expects that a number of conflicts will arise from this which will need to be sorted out by lawyers. In particular, the preference by Labour to leave more decision-making to local councils may lead to problems if councillors resist new proposals on "not in my backyard" principles.

David Cooper of Gouldens, rated as one of the top planning lawyers in London, says: "We're a nation of Nimbys and that's how I make my money." The built-in knee-jerk reaction to any development constantly spawns new objectives, and increases demands for lawyers' services. Mr Cooper is wondering whether the new masters of Whitehall will reduce the number of "call-ins" and whether they really will allow more

decisions to be taken locally. Typical of the kind of dilemma that is likely to arise concerns the development of wind power. David Goodman of the solicitors Hammond Suddards has developed a significant wind farm practice and has learnt that there tends to be huge opposition to this kind of development, benign as it may be as a renewable energy resource.

Clients such as National Windpower and PowerGen are interested in developing sites but the public and councils tend not to like them. Environmentally good but unpopular with some of the electors, wind farms embody the poison pill of future planning decisions which Labour must digest.

Mr Goodman believes that transport too will remain a chronic problem. The need to ensure that when new settlements are developed they are properly served by road and rail links could mean that battles over new development will be even more protracted as councils fight developers not just over the new building but the infrastructure as well.

To deal with these cases he believes that action must be taken to reduce the length of the legal wrangles. "We need innovative solutions," he says. "For example, I would be interested in the creation of some kind of alternative dispute resolution system."

Meanwhile, there is still the legacy of the past to be dealt with. Nicholas Taylor at Berwin Leighton is waiting for a decision on the Birmingham northern relief road and there are also a number of out-of-town shopping centre proposals still in the pipeline.

All of these uncertainties are sure to be good for lawyers. Denton Hall has brought together its planners with its public law specialists to create an integrated team. This offers considerable potential given the increasing importance, for example, of public finance initiatives in the development of roads.

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Lord Chancellor's Department  
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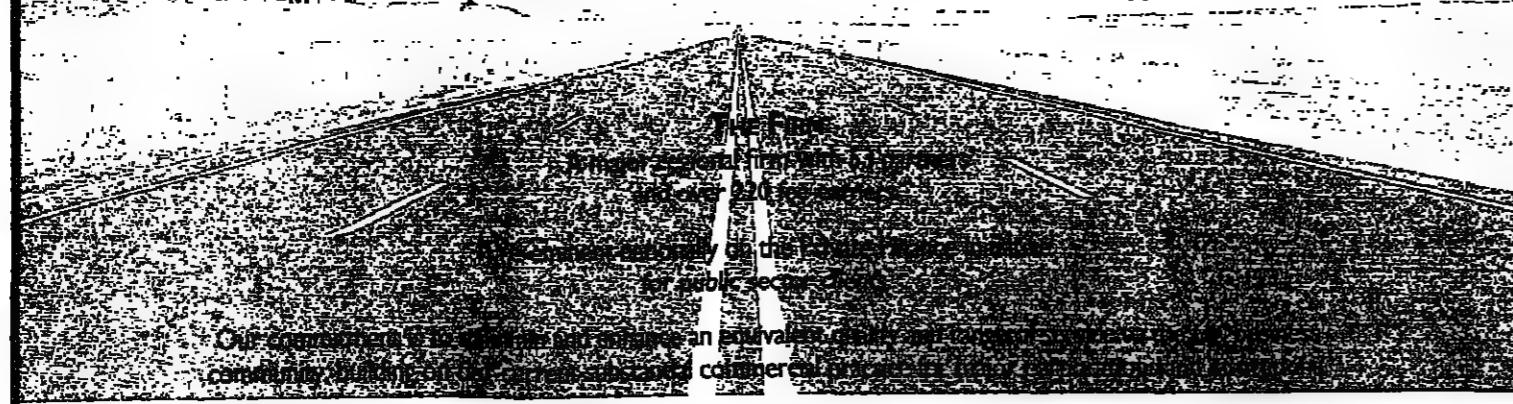
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## RUGBY UNION

# Lions pack gets down to business

FROM DAVID HANDS IN PRETORIA

THE players may have a distinct say in the running of this British Isles tour of South Africa, but Jim Telfer, the forwards coach, was still cracking the whip at Loftus Versfeld Stadium here yesterday. For the first time on tour, the forwards who will play Mpumalanga tomorrow spent a lengthy period working the compressed air scrummaging machine that accompanies the Lions everywhere.

The significance of the scrum, which has declined at home over the past decade, has never lost its magic for South African sides and the Lions have been surprised by the intensity with which their

## Diamond's early call

Steve Diamond, the Sale hooker, will play for England against Cuyo in Mendoza today, three hours after arriving in Argentina as a replacement for Phil Greening, who was concussed in the first international on Saturday.

ENGLAND XV (v Cuyo): M. Maddock (Gloucester), D. Rees (Sale), M. Allen (Nottingham), J. Burrell (Sale), D. O'Leary (Harrow), A. P. (Rugby), D. Gomersall (Wasps); P. Marchick (Coventry), S. Diamond (Sale), W. Green (Wasps), S. Green (Sale), J. G. Young (Sale), S. Greenock (Coventry), R. Jenkins (Harlequins), C. Sheasby (Wasps, captain).

opponents scrummage, and by the fact that the new laws create twice the number of scrums as there are lineouts.

In none of the three matches has the Lions pack imposed itself, and it took all of Robert Howley's considerable skill to convert poor scrummage possession into useable ball against Western Province on Saturday. Hence the 45 minutes and some 30 scrums against the £30,000 machine, which recorded a substantial improvement on the work of two weeks ago.

"We identified the problem on Saturday and went some way to correcting it during the match," Tim Rodber, who will

have dropped three established players — Hennie le Roux, Kobus Wiese and Henk Tromp — in naming a squad of 27 for the match against Tonga on June 10 and the three internationals with the Lions. Mark Andrews has still to prove his fitness.

BRITISH ISLES XV (v Mpumalanga, tomorrow): N. Bell, J. Evans, A. Bremner, W. Greenwood, T. Underwood; N. Jenkins, D. M. Jones, J. G. Young, S. Diamond, G. W. W. (v Cuyo); J. Davidson, N. Back, P. Rodber. Replacements: J. G. Young, G. Townsend, A. Healey, M. Regan, D. Young, S. Greenock (Coventry), R. Jenkins (Harlequins), C. Sheasby (Wasps, captain).

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## Leonhardsen joins Liverpool

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whole product range. This will hit margins, but the action suggests that JD Sports has a big problem with buying a new brand. John Reid is investigating his options. Sports will live or die through its ability to predict the fickle tastes of teenagers. The shares, like the leisurewear, should be hit on the shelf.

## FOOTWEAR

FTSE all-share index 1,626.24

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## RACING 45

Fabre's Cloudings  
raises French  
hopes for Derby

## SPORT

TUESDAY JUNE 3 1997

Australians slide to narrow defeat in final match before first Test

# Adams adds insult to injury

By IVO TENNANT

**DERBY** (final day of three): Derbyshire beat the Australians by one wicket

**IN ADDITION** to their continuing concerns over the form of their captain, Mark Taylor, the Australians lost their last match before the Test series, the cricket that really matters to them, starts on Thursday. In a riveting finish, Derbyshire beat them with their last pair at the crease and with three balls to spare. This in spite of Shane Warne taking seven for 103.

It was the first time Derbyshire had beaten an Australian touring team since 1919, when they defeated a services side. Even though they required an important innings from Dean Jones, a compatriot of Taylor, to do so, this was a terrific achievement. They were asked to score 371 off what, ultimately, were 60 overs. Chris Adams, who was fined by his county yesterday,

**Here's the Hayden** ..... 44  
**Waugh strikes** ..... 44  
**Wells runs deep** ..... 44

and who, his captain feels, hits the ball as hard as any cricketer he has seen, made 91 off 91 balls.

Derbyshire were fortunate in that both Bichel and Gillespie were injured. The latter is expected to be fit for the first Test. Julian, who had to bowl the final over, off which Derbyshire required five, was spent by then. Aldred, who played despite the death of his father last week, had no difficulty in collecting the winning runs in partnership with Dean, who, the previous over, had nonchalantly pulled the first ball he received, from Warne, to the boundary.

Taylor, who added only four runs to his overnight 59, reiterated that he would be playing against England on Thursday. He was less concerned with losing this match than with not having what he described as "fully fit" players for Edgbaston. As to his own batting, he feels his technique is improving all the while. "Any problem I have



Adams pulls forcefully during the innings of 91 that formed the foundation of Derbyshire's victory over the Australians yesterday

## DERBY SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 362 for 6 dec (15 5 Bevan 56)		DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 257 for 9 dec (M R May 67)	
Second Innings		Second Innings	
M T G Elliott b Waugh	4	A S Rollins lbw b Waugh	66
M A Taylor c Krikken b Aldred	63	M R May c Waugh b Julian	21
J L Langer lbw b Dean	12	C J Adams c sub b Waugh	21
Wicket kept out	101	I Batsman c Julian b Waugh	57
B R Julian c Jones b Dean	82	V P Clarke c Julian b Waugh	21
S K Waugh not out	2	P A J DeFreitas c sub b Waugh	21
Extras (b, 2, lb, 4, nb, 12) .....	18	A J Adams c Julian b Waugh	14
Total (4 wickets dec) .....	285	F J Dean not out	5
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-35, 3-159, 4-260		Extras (b, 4, w, 2, nb, 16) .....	22
BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-3-31-0, Hams 16-3-49-1, Blackwell 9-1-49-0, Dean 10-0-45-2, Aldred 15-1-65-1, Rollins 2-0-12-0, Clarke 4-1-8-0.		TOTAL (9 wickets) .....	371
Umpires: V A Holder and R A White		FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-191, 3-197, 4-213, 5-211, 6-281, 7-339, 8-343, 9-360, 10-311, 11-265-2, Waugh 10-0-8-0, Waugh 11-125-2, Bevan 10-0-80-0, Elliott 8-35-0.	

now will be more mental than physical," he said. Although he professed he did not like derogatory comments about him from former Australia captains, he still regards them as friends. He is that kind of man, although no doubt his friendships will be formed with greater care in the future.

The target Taylor set Derbyshire was a demanding one. Yet when Rollins was in partnership with Adams, adding 142 off 28 overs, reaching it became feasible. Adams, who is expected to appeal to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) over the fine levied on him by Derbyshire for his dissent over his dismissal on Sunday, took out his

frustrations on the Australians, to whom, incidentally, he apologised. His pulling and driving on this slow pitch were of a high order, not least when he hit Warne for four, six, four and five successive fours.

Waugh bowled in his cap for much of the day, not because the great leg spinners of yesteryear did so, but because of a cross-wind so strong that the balls were dispensed with at one end. This was on, probably, one of the windiest grounds in the world, there was only one heavy set. Eventually, Warne had Adams, whose 91 included 16 fours and a six, held at deep mid-wicket. In his next over, Rollins was leg-before, sweeping, and he deceived Blackwell with flight soon afterwards.

Waugh collected his fourth wicket when he had Clarke caught at point, cutting a rare bad ball, a fifth when Krikken mistimed a pull to short mid-

wicket, a sixth, DeFreitas, through an excellent running catch by Mark Waugh, substituting for Bichel. He then had Hams leg-before. Jones, though, who dearly wanted to beat his countrymen, enabled his side to keep up with the

asking rate. His 57 came off 82 balls. This was the highest total Derbyshire had made in 29 matches against senior Australian touring sides.

Off the field, Derbyshire

expressed their disappointment that Adams had neither

accepted their fine — thought to be £750 — nor apologised to the club for disputing his dismissal with both umpire Holder and the Australians. He has 14 days in which to appeal to the ECB's disciplinary committee, which has the power to increase his fine.

Derbyshire have to take a

decision today whether to

include him for their match

against Hampshire at Ches-

terfield tomorrow. Mike Hor-

ton, the club chairman, stressed that Adams's desire to leave Derbyshire and the £1,000 fine he received from them over his critical com-

ments in the winter — this was

suspended by the ECB — were

not taken into account. "But

we are disappointed Chris has

not apologised to us or the

supporters," he said. "I will be

surprised if the ECB do not

react quickly and, of course,

their punishment could be

increased."

# Hoddle keen to explore all alternatives

By OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE sun was shining at the Hertfordshire hotel where Glenn Hoddle spoke to the media yesterday. But he refused to bask in it. Great though the temptation might have been to glory in the fine 2-0 victory over Poland on Saturday and to turn down the heat for the Tournoi de France this week, the England coach was insistent that it would be business as usual.

Mindful, perhaps, of the shenanigans that occurred when England returned from matches in Hong Kong and China, the incidents at the China Jump Club and on the Cathay Pacific flight, Hoddle said that the heroes of Katowice would not be allowed to celebrate the victory anywhere in Poland this week. He was insistent that it would be business as usual.

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Old-timers given the runaround at French Open



be things thrown at us in the World Cup that we are not prepared for yet and the players need to be educated.

"You might see a different shape. The three countries we are playing against will play in different ways. It would be lovely to win all three games, get that inner belief back and set the country alight. But there is more to it than that."

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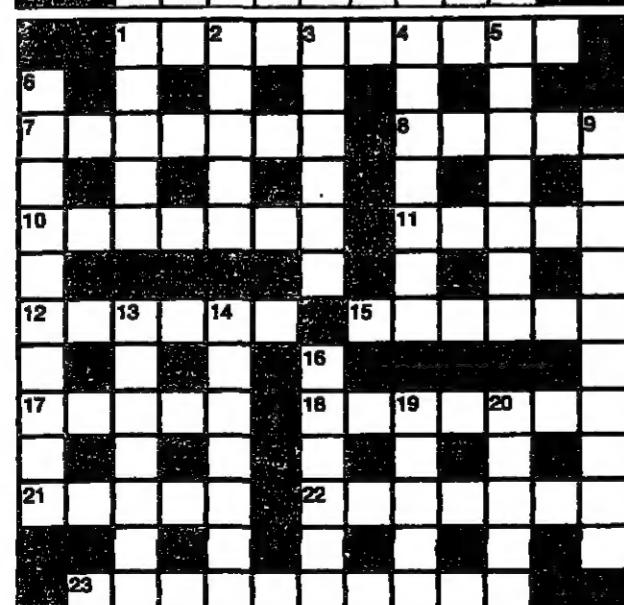
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- 2 Cheat: tornado (7)
- 8 One copying another (5)
- 10 Group sharing interests (7)
- 11 Flower: Leopold and Molly (Joyce) (5)
- 12 Dark, gloomy (6)
- 15 Picture-taker (6)
- 17 Glass playwright (5)
- 18 Scold (7)
- 21 Dog-head (5)
- 22 On the journey (2,5)
- 23 Inviolable (10)

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- 1 To tarnish: bad mark (5)
- 2 Complete: express (5)
- 3 Big wasp (6)
- 4 South-West Africa (7)
- 5 Tree: its yellow resin (7)
- 6 2ly motionless (5-5)
- 9 Seize for own use (10)
- 13 Eyelash cosmetic (7)
- 14 US stock farmer (7)
- 16 Peter Paul —, Baroque painter (6)
- 19 Element B (5)
- 20 Grown up (5)

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